

Excelsior Society

Secretarys Book

1856 — 1858

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Farewell address to
Excelsior Society delivered
by Prof. J. S. Emerson
Sept. 18th 1857

Excellion Hall Feb⁷ 1894

Society met pursuant to adjournment, was called to order by the President the President being absent was opened by prayer at the calling of the roll the following members were found absent viz Wm. Mantrou, Seifend of Cowan, Bowman Jr, Shered, Gunshousen, J. H. Chase, E. A. Ever, Phinney, Adams, Billie Buchanan, Hallwell, Selby.

The minutes of former evening were read and received. The absent of former evening were called upon all those who were present were excused.

After criticizing on compositions performances came off with their usual interest each performer doing credit to himself.

Question discussed. Should secret societies be encouraged decided in favour of the Affirmative. General discussion followed in which the members with more than usual warmth. Decision of the house with regard to the merits of the question in favour of the negative.

Miscellaneous business being now in order. By motion of Simpson Messrs W. H. Barber & Dr. Bluff were elected as honorary members of the Excellion Society.

That being no other business performances for next evening were read off as follows

Declaration
 Hymantrout
 Broughton
 Hallwell
 Calahan
 Buchanan
 Hayes, Thos
 Sherad
 Cowan sen
 Prifendof
 Nov 2 week

Prop. Lecture
 Eddy Pomeroy
 Eaver
 Cha & Debate off Financ
 the Room by Armstrong
 7th St. Clure
 Question. Is man con-
 justifiable in resisting
 the laws of his country

Dec, Adams
 Cowan jr
 Armstrong jr
 Chandler
 Cutler
 Gillis

Composers Lecture
 Hymantrout Richardson
 St. St. Clure
 Garrison Dec 1st 1843
 Selby Broughton
 Simpson } each
 Pance

Question. Ought religious or Political
 creeds be taught or tolerated in common
 schools

Society adjourned to meet
 as usual
 Wm. P. Gillis Pres

Wm. P. Keen sec

M. J. P. 1843
 Wm. P. Keen

Excelsior Hall Feb 15th 1858

Society met pursuant to adjournment
was called to order by the President
the president being absent was called
~~to order~~ by the opened by prayer

At the calling of the roll
the following members ^{were present}
Oddy, Piffendy, Cowan &
Jr, Wally, Wherod, Armstrong
sen, Callahan, Eager, Gilly
Buchanan, Eagle, Hallwell

The minutes of former evening
were read and received, the absence
of former evening being ~~called~~ called
upon call of who were absent
except Gilly who was fined \$1.00

The performances next came
off all the performers who were
present performed except Callahan
who was fined \$1.00

Resolution discussed. If man ever
justifiable in violating the laws of his
country, decision in favour of the affirmative
after which general discussion
followed in which several of the members
participated. Decision of the house of
the affirmative after which general
miscellaneous business was in order

By motion of Simpson after finishing
was received as an active member
after which there was a motion
before the society that we have a
lecture before the society by Dr Crane
which motion failed after some
discussion there being no other
business before society's performance

were read off as follows

Declaration

Comp

Adams

Armstrong

Armstrong jr

McClure

Cowan jr

Jameson

Chandler

Selby

Cuthbert

Simpson

Willis

Lecture (Richardson)

Debate (off) Myers

Rayston

Question

ought

My Eagle

religious or political

Nance

could be bought or tolerated in common schools

For two weeks

(see) Eddy

Comp

Gaber

Callahan

McKean

Hayes

J. H. McClure

Sherod

Finney

Pierendorf

Pomeroy

Ganer

Cowan sen

Lecture Armstrong jr

Debate Affirmative & but Neg. Bell

Question to be chosen by the debaters

Society adjourned to meet

as usual

Pres Willis

Sec Wm McKean

Excellsor 18 all Feb 22nd 1856

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the Vice Pres the President being absent. The roll being called the following members were found absent Wm. Armantong Eddy Cowan son W. H. Weston G. H. Simpson W. H. Keen Armantong sen, J. H. Mc Clure, Callahan Chandler, Baver, E. L. L. J. Ancher Eagle Ballwell, Walby

The absence of former cord being ~~about~~ called upon all those present were excused

Performances being next in order came off said to be rather dry. Question discussed. Right religious or Political creeds be taught or tolerated in common schools. Decision in favour of the affirmative by a majority of one. General discussion followed with little or no interest a vote being taken as to the merits of the question decision in favour of the Neg. There being no business before society performances were read off as follows

(See Eddy	Camp	Lecture
Baver	Callahan	Armantong sen
W. H. Keen	Keay	
J. H. Mc Clure	Shrod	Deb Jeff & Fort
Sinney	Friendof	By Ballwell
Pomerene	Baver	
	Cowan son	

On a week
pre Richardson
Hargreaves
Parnison
Houghton
Wagle

Compton
Guthrie
Gillis
Chandler
Harrington
Hance
Purkin

Lecture Simpson
Debate off (Harrington Jr)
18th, 18th & 19th

18th / Adams
18th / Kelly

Question 18th There a prospect
of the world ever becoming
republican in form of government
Society adjourned to meet
as usual

18th - Gillis Vice McKean

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Excelsior Hall March 7th 1858

Society met pursuant to adjournment, was called to order by the Pres and opened with prayer. Minutes of last evg read and recd. Absentees of last evg excused. The roll being called the following members were found absent viz - Armstrong, Callahan Cowen Dr Ebert Gaver Hoby

Absentees of last evg were excused, — Performances came off as usual, all acquitting themselves creditably, except Eagle, who was fined ^{for} ~~excused~~. One of the Deputants being absent Hazy was appointed to fill his place —

Question Discussed - Is there a prospect of the world ever becoming Republican in form of Government? Decision unanimously in the Aff. A General Discussion ensued, but not of any great length.

Decision of the House as to merits, almost unanimously in the Aff.

Business of a miscellaneous character was then attended to. Motion was then given, that on the next evg the name of Rev E. E. Andrews, Pres of the "Manfield Female Seminary", would be proposed as an Honorary member. — Our Treasurers Excelsior like, very gently, dined all those that were in arrears, and displaying such a magnanimous mind as could not fail to awaken in them a sense of responsibility and duty.

Performances for next evg

Deo

Callwell
Rich. Wilbur
Defendorf
Cowen Dr
Hahn
Hazy

Combs

Ebert Gaver Edys
Finny McLean &
Armstrong Dr

Lecture Perkins

Debate { Mr. Callahan
Mr. Pomeroy
Question

for Discussion

Should our common
Schools be wholly governed by American
born Protestants?

Performances for two weeks

Dec. 11th

Comm. Ellis

baner

Huston

Lecture Ayer

Armentrout

Chandler

Selby

Eagle

Debate { Mr. Simpson
Mr. Guthrie

Adams

~~James~~ ~~Amerson~~

~~McClure~~

~~Richardson~~

Armstrong, Puno

Question for

Discussion

Was Elizabeth Queen of England
Justifiable in putting to death Mary
Queen of Scots?

Society adjourned to meet as usual

Pomeroy Pres.

Mr. Simpson Secy

Excelsior Hall March 14th 1856

Abstracts of minutes

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the Pres. and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent, viz: ^{Sill} Armentrout, Deifendorf, Gage, Armstrong, Dins, Callahan, Gave. The Minutes were read and received.

There being no other business - Society proceeded to regular performance, the regular routine was observed. All present doing credit to their selves. Question Discussed - Should our common schools be wholly governed by American born Protestants? Decision of the coins in favor of the neg. - On motion, general discussion was dispensed with. A call for the question, and a ^{vote} followed showing the neg. to be the better side of the question.

Miscellaneous business next in order, According to previous announcement Prof. Andrews was elected an Honorary member. - On motion, the treasurer was instructed to purchase 2 lbs candles. In notice A vote of thanks was extended the ladies for ~~the~~ favoring us with their presence. Performances were read

Deer Dance	Coms. Gills	
Armentrout	Huston	Lecture Gers
Selby	Chandler	
Adams	Dagle	
A. M. Blair	Jameson	Prbate (Aff. Simpson)
Armstrong Dins	Richardson	Hy Guthrie

Question for Queen
Was Elizabeth Queen of Eng. Justifiable in putting to death Mary Queen of Scots?
Society Adjourned
Pamercus Pres. Simpson Secy.

Excelsior Hall March 21st 1856

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the Pres. and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent, viz. Armstrong, Bagby, P. A. McClure, Perkins, Baluff, Saver, Selby, Cowen & Co.

Minutes of former meeting read and received. Absentees of last week excused except Ellis, who was fined 6^{cts}. Election of Officers then took place which resulted as follows:-

Pres. Simpson, R. Thos Armstrong, Duns Sec Henry Brita Richardson, Treasurer Zahner, Committee of viz. Adams, Armstrong Senr, A. McClure.

Performances next in order. The regular routine was observed, all acquitting themselves with credit. Lecture (Cicero), "Was Elizabeth Queen of England justifiable in putting to death Mary Queen of Scots". Decision of committee in favor of the Affo. Decision of the house as to merits of the Affo.

Miscellaneous business next in order. On motion that A. P. McClure name be erased from the roll. After some discussion the motion was laid over indefinitely.

Performances, as follows:-

Pres. Armstrong, Huston, Bagby, McClure, Chandler, Zahner, Treasurer Armstrong Senr, Armstrong Duns, Deindorf, Pomeroy, Essay, George Ellis, Perkins, Pomeroy, Eagles Adams, Guthrie, Cowen Senr, Cowen Duns, Lectures Simpson, Ariz, Action Books

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Debates { Aff. Collection
H. Richardson

Question. Is Slavery in itself a sin?

On motion Society adjourned,

Dulins, Pomeroy Pomeroy,

Pres

Simpson Sec

Excelsior Hall Feb 25th 1856.

Society met pursuant to adjournment, the house was closed to order by the Pres. pro tem, and opened by prayer. When the roll was called, the following members were present and absent. Armstrong, J. Armstrong, Jr. Calahan, Richardson, J. M. J. Minutes of the former evening read and received. After this the officers took their seats, there being a very creditable inaugural delivered by the Pres. at the taking of his seat. What which was in order were the performances. There being a lecture delivered by Dr. Stass which was very interesting and gave encouragement to all the hearers. The Debate was next which went off in a very liberal manner. The question discussed, was, Is slavery in itself a sin? A discussion was given to the effect of the majority of one. Then the Debate was opened for general discussion after some remarks by some of the members it terminated. The Discussion on the merits was given to the effect. Miscellaneous business was then attended to. Those who communicated themselves with this were Roberts, Patterson, Folwell and Strayer, also one of the members made a motion that the performance of Prayers should be rejected for this session. Performances were then heard for the next evening as follows.

Dec	{	Robert,	{	Armstrong, Jr.
		Calahan,		Armstrong, Jr.
		Richardson,		Calahan,
		Strayer,		Winston,
				Winston,
		Definday.		

Lecture Eddy.

Sup. Steel.
Probable white Jenkins,

Question

Resolved, that the people of this
age and country are not morally
and legally responsible for the
continued existence of incorporate
institutions, now becoming
grievances endangering the
survival of our government.

Winston was given the sum of 6 1/2
for more performance.

Winston, 1772, 1773, 1774
Winston, 1775, 1776, 1777

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Society met according to adjournment
The House was called to order by the
Pres. and opened by prayer. At calling
of the roll the following members were
present absent Armstrong, Armstrong,
Diefendorf, Jenkins, Miller, Minutes of
the previous evening were received (the
absentees were excused). Performances
were then in order, each one doing credit
to himself. The Debate was then discussed,
"Are the people of this age and country
responsible for the continuance of the
abolition institutions; now occurring, &c."
Discussion was given to the topic by the
sponsors of each. Discussion was then
open to the general discussion, which enjoyed
the interest was much in the discussion of
this question. Discussion towards the
merits of the question was also given
to the Reg. Simultaneous business next
followed. The Constitution and By Laws
were read read for the accommodation of some
of the attendants. Mr. Parling became an
active member of this Society. There was a
motion made to have the society divided into
two classes, which was carried. Also there was a
motion made to purchase a chimney for the
hall which was carried. The performers
were called upon which were as follows;

Mr. Parly	Hotels
Armstrong	Grove
Armstrong Jr	Vance
Dr. Hinton	Parling
Diefendorf	

Excelsior Hall May 16th / 56
 Society met according to adjournment,
 was called to order by the Pres. and opened
 by prayer. At the calling of the roll the follow-
 ing numbers were found absent; Armstrong Jr
 Fitzgerald, Calhoun, Edd, Atkins, M. Barry,
 Mayer, and Trust. Minutes of the previous
 evening were read and received. The Motion
 of Officer was next; which resulted in the
 following names. President. Richardson,
 W. H. Eddy, J. A. Simpson, Wm. Calhoun,
 J. H. Pinner. Committee Vice President. Sumner,
 Grove, Librarian. Armstrong Jr. Correspondence. J. A.
 Simpson, Next in order were the Performances
 there being absent, ^{there} Sumner, Wm. Calhoun,
 Vance has given the sum of \$4.00 for non-
 performance: The Debate went off in a very
 lively manner. The Decision was given to M. Barry
 by the majority of one. Then Debate was
 opened for general discussion. There being
 some very appropriate remarks made by
 those who participated in the discussion.
 The Decision ~~was given to M. Barry~~ the merits of the
 Question was given to M. Barry.
 Miscellaneous business were then in order;
 motion brought forward the evening
 was withdrawn, Mr. Davis became an
 active member of this Society, this being
 all, The Performances were read as
 follows:

For next evening:
 Richardson Wallace
 Prayer M. Barry
 Dec. M. Barry Essay Grove
 Patterson Trust
 Davis.

Lecture Jenkins

Debate. Aff. & Plankie. ^{Arg. & counter arg.}

^{Argument for and against}
Question. Honourable Party?

For the second evening

Debate	Roberts & Co	Eddy
	Deifendorf	Hallwell
	Nance.	Essays, Roberts & Co
	Darling	Calahan.
	J. W. Allen	W. J. P. P.
	Cover.	

Lecture Inker

Debate. Aff. & Plankie. ^{Arg. & counter arg.}

Question. { Is the joint education
of the sexes expedient?

Pro. J. W. Simpson.

Con. J. W. Simpson.

Excelsior Hall May 23^d 1856

Society met pursuant to adjournment; was called to order by the Pres and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent, viz: (Armstrong Sen, Armstrong Jun, Def-^d Callahan, Finny, Jenkins, McConkey, Wallace, Grove, Patterson, Tolwell, McEarty, Barnes, Carlings,

Absentees of last evening except Eddy Strayer each of whom were fined 1/4 cents.

Callahan, Defend of Jenkins, Armstrong Jun.

Treasurer's report read and recd. The term of office having expired the officers elect took their seats. The Pres on approaching the chair delivered a very interesting inaugural. Performances next in order. All present acquitting themselves creditably except McEarty, who was fined 1/4 cts for non performance. The Debaters being absent, the regular 'Discussion' was dispensed with. Question proposed for discussion -

"Had the Europeans a right to take peaceable possession?" Put and last.

2^d Question Resolved - that the present course of our government tends to its overthrow? Question prevailed. An unanimous decision ensued, decision as to merits in the neg. McEarty left the room without permission. Eddy was appointed a com. to bring the gentleman in and on rendering an insufficient excuse was fined 1/4 cts for the violation of the laws of Soc. On motion Marshall became an active member of Soc. Mr. Strayer, thinking the fine imposed by com. unjust, appealed to Soc. On motion that his fine

be rescinded, after some debate the question was put and lost. A Com. from the Phila Soc. appeared asking the vacation of the room now used by us as a Lib. room. Society granted their request and Simpson was appointed a Com. to inform them of the resolution.

Performances presented next week.

Sec. Robert Sm
- Defendorf
Waner
Darling -
H. McClure
Cowan

Essay

Eddy
Falwell
Roberts Dunn
Callaghan
Simpson

Sec. -
Gibner

Debate { Aff. Armstrong
Neg. Henry

Question, "Is the joint education of the sexes expedient?"

For 2 weeks

Sec. Armstrong Sen. Corns
McCarty
Grove
Houston
Blust

Draper
McClure
Patterson
Davis
McConkey

Sec. -
Wallace

Debate { Aff. Jenkins
Neg. Richardson

Question, "Should capital punishment be abolished in all well regulated Christian Countries?"

On motion was adj. D.
Sec. Richardson

Sec. Simpson

Excelsior Hall, May 30th 1851

Meeting was pursuant to adjournment & was called to order by the President and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent: viz. Armstrong, Dr. Ireland, & Jenkins. Absentees of former week excused except James, Finch & etc.

Performances came off as usual, one of the disputants being absent Eddy was offered to fill his place. Variation decided in Affr. A general discussion ensued of considerable warmth displaying on the power of intellect to unite or divide.

Miscellaneous business next in order. ~~On motion~~. Mr. Strayer, at his own request, solicited an honorable dismission from society. On motion.

Resolved "That we the members of Ex-Lib Socy, do grant Mr. Strayer an honorable dismission from Socy having paid all dues." Discussed at some length. When a motion to lay over until next was prevailed. On motion Mr. Eddy became an active member of the Society.

Performances for next week.

Socys
Armstrong Secy Com - Lecture, Wallace

M. Gatz

Strayer

Grove

M. Blum

H. How

Patterson

Debate

M. Jenkins

Bent

Davis

Richardson

M. Conkey

Question

Should capital punishment be abolished in all well regulated Christian Countries

Performances for 2 weeks
Dec-

Young
Palmer
Roberts Jun
Callahan
Simmons

Tim Cowen
W. A. McQuinn

Darling
Bance

Griffiths

Roberts Jun

Marshall

Lecture

Eddy

Debate

Mr. Lohmeyer

Mr. Armstrong

Motion

"Is there a greater

curb to crime than conscience?"

Car Motion. Society adjourned

Mrs Richardson

Wm W Simpson Secy

Society Exercises Hall June 6th 1878

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the Pres. and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent, viz Armstrong Jun, Deifendorf, Callahan Eddy, Grove (once), Darling. Minutes read and recd. Absentees of last ev. excused. No Committee to report. Society proceeded to the regular performance. All present acquitting themselves creditably except H. Barry who was fined \$1.00.

Decision of Com. in the Rev. by a majority of one. An animated discussion followed, characterizing warmth, pathos, and marked sentimentality.

Resolution of last ev. laid over, was taken up, and on motion,

It was laid over indefinitely. On motion, "That we grant the use of our hall to Ladies about ~~the~~ organizing a new Soc. Society prevailed. On motion, "That they be instructed to purchase 2 lbs candles, prevailed. On motion, "That we, the members of the Soc. Soc. come out at the coming exhibition in no other way than as members of the School, carried unanimously.

On motion, "That we, the members of the Soc. Soc. come out at the coming exhibition in no other way than as members of the School, carried unanimously.

Performances for next week

Pres. Finny
Galwell
Roberts Jun
Callahan
Darling
Simpson

Home Crown
J. A. McClure
Grove
Deifendorf
Roberts Jun
Marshall

Lecture
Oddy

Debat Aff. Parker
V. g. Armstrong Qu. Qu. Question

Crime a greater curb to crime than
Conscience? "Law

For 2 weeks
Debat Richardson Com

Wallace	Armstrong Sen. & Colure
Strayer	McCarthy
Patterson	Houston
Davis	Blust
H. Eddy	Dunkins

Debat
Aff. Grove
V. g. A. McBlane

Questions
Dispositions

according ever beneficial?

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Excelsior Hall 19th 1856

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the Pres and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent, viz, Crisford, Callahan, & Cajins, McConkey, Grove, Marshall. Absentees of last eve excused. This being the eve of election of officers, the following was the result, Pres Eddy, C. K. Callahan. Sec. McConkey, Critie, Simpson, Treas. Armstrong Senr. Com. viz Richardson, McClure, Blair. A committee was consisting Eddy, Callahan and Simpson. Performance came off as usual. Decisions of Judges in the Affs. Decisions as to merits in the Affs. Miscellaneous business next in order, the speaker said on last eve "Done" up. The move by the ladies & by second resolution a committee from the Philo Socy appeared, stating that they (the Philo) had "agreed" to perform on the last eve of school and that they appeared to make known the wishes of their Socy. And the proposition presented, "That the members of the Excelsior Socy may occupy the first eve or bring out an equal number with the Philo Socy to occupy the same eve." The first part of the proposition was taken up after some debate, the motion was put and lost. The second part, was then taken up, and after much discussion, was laid over for a special meeting. A committee was appointed to confer with the Proffs concerning this affair, consisting of Eddy, Callahan and Simpson, and report at the next meeting.

Performances for next eve

Secy Richardson
Wallace
Straw
Patterson
Olin
R. Eddy

Com. Armstrong Jun

W. Barty
Houston
Bluest

Lecture

W. Bonney

Profins: Debate off Grove
W. M. Luns

Questions

Should secret

Societies be encouraged?
For 2 weeks

Com. Parling

Gwen

(C. H. C.)

Diffendoff

Yakner

(Armstrong Jun)

Robert Dun Lecture

Halwell

W. Barty

Jenny

Marshall

Eddy

Jeff Callahan

W. Simpson

Questions

2 man

mainly the architect of his own
Character

Secy- Press gave notice
that a special meeting would
be held on Monday, 3. O'clock.

On motion soon after
adjourned to meet in two weeks

Sec. Simpson

Secy Richardson

Excelsior Hall Thurs 1st / 54

At a call from the Pres. Society met and was opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent, Ding and ~~Carroll~~ and Marshall,

The motion laid over on previous vote was taken up after the Committee ~~had~~ reported, the mover with the leave of his second withdrew the motion. A motion to reconsider came before the house, and passed.

On motion, That Proposition from the Philo Soc. be rejected. Question, "Aye or Naye"

On motion, That we come out as the Ex. Soc. at the cost of ~~the~~ school provided we have an equal chance for the last even or they grant us the last even and they have two. After some debate, the second part of the Prop. was withdrawn, and first part prevailed. Messrs. Callahan, and Ding were a committee to inform the Philo of movement. After a long delay they returned us the following answer:

"That we cling with unyielding tenacity to the last even, indignation fired the breast of every excelsior at this usurpation of power and a committee was appointed, consisting of Richardson, Callahan and Simpson, to confer with the 'Proff'."

On motion upon adj. Simpson Sec

Pres Richardson;

Excelsior. Wed June 20th 1866

Club met and was pursuant
to adjournment, was called to order by the Pres.
and opened by prayer. At the calling of the roll
the following members were found absent. Dieffendorf,
Callahan, Maolen, Jenkins, Talwell, Robert. S. &
Hawdell. Minutes read & received. Absentees
of last eve excused. Except Grove & Hiney fines
to be each. Performances come off as usual.
Decision of the judges in the negative.
Discussion as to the merits of the question
in the negative. Treasures report read &
received. The term of office having expired,
the new elected officers took their seats, the
president on approaching the chair, delivered
a very interesting inaugural. Performances
come off as usual. Decision of the judges
in the neg-. Decision as to the merits in
the neg-. Miscellaneous business next in
order. The meeting previous to the last, was
pronounced illegal. ~~It was suggested~~ The suggestion
was made that we have no declamations,
on the night of exhibition, no performances but
what are original. And that to be two debates,
& orations & 2 essays. The president announced
that on next evening the election of performers
for the last evening would take place,
which would be done by ballot.

Performances for next week,

Geo. Brown

Rance

Dieffendorf

Callahan

& Housharg, Jr.

Wm. Darling

Robert. S. & Hiney

Talwell

Hiney

Hawdell, Debate

Edley, Questions

Robert. S. & Hiney

Callahan
Simpson

The architect of his own character,

of & man mainly

For 2 weeks
 Armstrong, Sam
 Mr. Carby
 Richardson
 Grove
 M. Chase
 M. Conway

Com Wallace
 Thayer
 Patterson, Lecture
 Davis
 W. Eddy
 Scott
 Sec. J. H. Hunt
 Reg. Master

Question.

Resolutions

- reaching our beneficial.

Our motion Society adjourned.

Sec. J. H. Hunt

Pres. F. Kelly.

Wednesday Feb 27th 1856

Society met pursuant to adjournment
and called to order by the Pres, and opened with
prayer, & on the call of the roll the following
members were found absent: (V. M. Strong Son and
Wm. Hong Jun. G. J. Findlay. Callahan. Felwell.
J. M. Blair. Marshal and Scott. Minutes read and
received. Absentees present excused. (No committee
to report. Performances come off as usual.
Except "Belshazzar" which was heard first, one
of the disablers being absent Jenkins was
appointed to fill his place. Discussion in
the neg; by a majority of one. Discussion as
to merits in the neg. Miscellaneous business
next in order. The election of performers
for the last eve. of school, was taken which
resulted in the following manner; Debaters
Callahan & Richardson. Orators: Jamison,
Giddy & Reed. Composers: M^c. Conkie & Robert.
The motion was then put and carried that
the debaters not exceed 45 minutes each.
It was then moved that Reed be put on the
longest oration, which was not to exceed
10 minutes. The other 2 limited to 12 min
each. The essays limited to 10 min each.
The motion was put, that this shall be fixed.
to a certain extent, as society deems necessary
which resulted in the affirmative. On motion
that the sum for repairs be limited within
\$1000, which was carried. The motion
was then put that we enlarge our hall,
which resulted in the negative. On motion
that we plan in our hall over head, but
man was to lairds and paint them. That we
have our hall papered. That a committee
be appointed to take up a subscription.

5th That a committee be appointed to oversee the repairing and fitting up of the hall.
 6th That a committee be appointed to confer with the ladies society and see to getting paper.

7th That a committee, consisting of 8 in number, to knock of the plaster.

8th That in repairing the hall, we fix the windows, that by the moving we can ventilate the room.

9th On motion that we meet the first week after vacation.

The above resulted in the affirmative.

Performances for next meeting.

Dec.	Com.	
Armstrong Sen	Wallace	Let.
M ^r . Barth	Trayer	Ben. Am.
Richerson	Fatheron	
Grove	Davis	
M ^r . Clure	M. Eddy	Del. } Off. Bus.
M ^r . Lowrie	Scott	Reg. } Rusten

Quotion.

As fiction.

- reading our Beneficial.

Performances for 2 weeks

Dec.	Com.	
Tronny	Bowen	
Eddes	Bance	Let.
Robertson	Lindstrom	Simpson
Marshall	Hahner	
Callahan	Armstrong Jr.	Del.
Reed	Roberts Sen	Off. Farwell
		Reg. Darling

Quotion. Resolved

that pride and ambition have caused more misery than ignorance & superstition.

of the same for 2 weeks

1. 1st
2. 2nd
3. 3rd
4. 4th
5. 5th
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For 2 weeks

Lee
Adams
Hallwell
Parlin
Simpson
De Land
Robertson
Simpson
Case

Tommy
Marshall
Reed
Conce
Smith
McKenna
J. McClure

Lee
Callahan

Debate

Off. Armstrong

Zahner

Pollockson

Question

Are the United

States under greater obligations to her
warrior, than the Statesman

1st 2 Weeks

1st

2nd

Armstrong, Sen

Allen

Mr. Galt

Amos

Stone

Amos

At Home

Scott

Barrett

Wallace

Bartholomew

Jenkins

At Home

Dawson

Richardson

Myers

Bellevue, M. H. H. H.

translated

Excelsior Hall Aug 15th 1888

Society met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Pres and opened

the evening at the reading of the roll the following

members were present: Armstrong, Sen, Armstrong, Jun, Armstrong, Sen, Leland, Sen, Jenkins, Sen, James, Sen, Marshall, Sen, Smith, Sen, Bartholomew, Sen.

The absence of the last named were explained.

The following committees then reported: Pres. The Committee

for papers, the committee for repairing the Hall, the committee

for carpenter work. The committee for purchasing paper

which reports were all received. The performances

then came off as usual, all present, respecting themselves

respectably. Question discussed, Are the United States

under greater obligation to her warriors than her

late enemies, discussion of the judges in the afternoon

to merits in the day, On motion Mr Myers

and Mr Watson became active members of the

society. Lindson then gave notice that on the

next evening he would read an amendment

to the constitution and by voice. On motion

the society adjourned to meet at the usual time.

Performances for Sept 8th

Doc	Compt	Lecture. A. W. Blane
Rees	Thursbury	To be
Patterson	W. arg.	Off. Dawson; Jy; Jenkins
Jennison	2 sons	Blunt; Davis
Stager	Barlett	Question
McCarrie	Barkham	Does wealth exert a greater
Wallace	H. Edg	influence than knowledge
Scott	Myles	
Horton	Richardson	

Excelsior Hall Aug. 29th A.D. 1852

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the president and opened with prayer. ^{The meeting being of about 100 persons was presided by the president & the singing of the hymns} The calling of the roll the following members were found absent by Calahan Edg. Jenkins McKenney Grove Hollowell Mcarty Vance Strayer J. W. Blane Marshall Smith Barkham Barlett Dawson Cherron Case & Wallace The absentees of last evening were all excused except Calahan who was fined 6cts. A resolution was offered making it the duty of the President to appoint immediately before adjournment of each regular meeting a person whose duty it shall be to keep the Hall and its appurtenances neat and clean to attend to lighting the lamps and at the close of exercise to extinguish the same to close the windows and window blinds a neglect of any or all of these duties shall be made a penal offence. This resolution was carried unanimously in the affirmative. There being no committees to report the performances were next in order which came off as usual all those on performance acquitting themselves creditably except Darling fined 6¹/₄cts McKean fined 10cts & Case fined 6cts. Question discussed can the immortality of the soul be proven from the light of nature. Decision of the judges on the Neg and as to mark also in the Neg Miscellaneous business being next in order Calahan spoke to society to have his time recorded which was done.

Excelsior Hall. Sept 5th / 86

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the president and opened with prayer. The roll being called the following members were absent viz. Brooks, jun. Silliman, Callahan, Finney, Patterson, Martz, Darling, Stoyers, Davis, Marshall, and Smith. The absence of the former evening being called upon were all present except Emerson who was final block. The report of the committee appointed to look after Stoyers was received and the committee discharged. There being no further business the Treasurer's report was read and received. There being no other business the newly elected officers took their seats upon which occasion we were entertained by a short but sweet valedictory and also by a very interesting and helpful Evangelical Performance being next in order came of as usual, excepting lecture.

The lecturer being so much interested in the regular discussion was interrupted on noting two of the disbelievers being absent. A general discussion of some interest then ensued. Question discussed: How much a greater influence than knowledge. Decision as to the merits in favor of the negative. Miscellaneous business being next in order one motion was

passed an honorary member of this society. There being no further business except society Performance was read as follows: Announcements

Geo	Can-	
Polwell	Smith	Section
Darling	Jeffrey	Read
Finney	Case	
Wallace	Armstrong jun	Debate (off)
Stearns	Johnson	Robertson
S. Edg	Robert jun. Junction	Callahan
Tell	Hunt	
	Dingman	

For two weeks

Coe

Van.

Let Beer

Amundson

Blust

Newby

Patterson

M. J. Samson

Groom

"

Wallace

Lafale & Strayer

Berthel

Hearst

H. J. Munkin

Brickham

Lawson

Davis

H. G. G. G.

A. C. McLaughlin

Myers

Houston (adj. p. 10) of our new

Richardson (p. 10) and the canal now in nature. (Time)

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Evolution Hall Sept 12th

Society next pursuant to adjournments was called to order by the President and opened with prayer. The roll being called the following members were present viz Armstrong, Smith, Jones, Colburn, Edgely, Houston, Darling, McArthur, and others. The minutes of the former evening were read and received. The absence being called upon. more or less excused. Performances next came off rather dry, but still showing their merits. The discussion of the committee upon the question discussed was ably conducted by R. House as to the merits in favor of the opposition.

Resolutions being next in order it was moved and seconded that we provide for a hundred programs matter prevailed. An motion a committee of three were appointed to see to the arranging of the program - ~~and also a committee~~ Colburn, Darling and House, and also a committee as to the printing.

Then after being entertained with four or five speeches from a quite prominent and influential member of society in which there was an extraordinary display of eloquence and also in which the gentleman earnestly poured forth the yearnings of his soul for the interests of society.

Richardson read final vote for a new performance of duty. There being no further business performances were called for which were read as follows

James Lee	Dee	Compton	Leet	Bier
Edgely	Armstrong	Blunt	McArthur	
Darling	Houston	Patterson	Stinger	
Jones	W. Wallace	Edgely	McArthur	
Borlett	Leet		Davis	
Colburn	Darling	Houston	Dee	St.
Edgely	A	McArthur	superiority of an arm	
Houston		Houston	also another consist	
Richardson		(more in nature than education		

Evans Hall Sept 26th 1866

Society went pursuant to adjournment, was called to order by the president and open with prayer. after the calling of the roll the report of the committee appointed to arrange the program. was received and committee discharged. A motion was then made to dispense with regular exercises which prevailed. There being no further business before society the adjournment for the 27th inst. went off with considerable interest. Miscellaneous business being next in order. On motion a committee of three were appointed to oversee the building of the stage. a committee of three also was appointed to procure carpets. A motion was then made that a collection be taken up to pay for the program which prevailed. On motion the treasurer was instructed to procure carpets for the exhibition. There being no further business society adjourned.
 Resolutions were read as follows.

Doe	Com	
Armstrong, sen	Jameson	Leet Simpson
Armstrong, jun	Willson	
Ward	Finney	Calahan
Triffing	Patt	Deputy (off) Bond
Roberts jun	Roberts sen	Sty. <u>Ballou</u>
Volwell	A. Melton	
Nearby	Polley	
Barling	McKendrick	Johnson a
Larson	Jacobson	free of cost,
Sent	Zimmer	
Horton		

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Excelsior Hall Friday eve October 24, 1856

Society met at the usual hour the President and Vice-President both being absent J. R. Reed was called to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and received. A committee appointed at the last meeting to put a lock on library door reported and was discharged. The Treasurer's report was read and received. The terms of office having expired the officers elect entered upon the discharge of their duties the President making a brief and appropriate inaugural address. Performances came off with their usual interests. The question was decided in the aff. by the com and after a lengthy and animated general discussion also on the aff by the house. After which the following miscellaneous business was (?) Zehner was elected librarian and Simpson corresponding sec by acclamation. A committee consisting of Falwell, Finney & Eddy was appointed to black the stove. A similar com consisting of Reed, Zehner, T. Armstrong was appointed to see to the library. The following (?) (?) were received as active members of the Society viz. (?), Johnston, Lark Bowls and Francis.

Performances for next evening were announced as follows:

Dec	Com
Diefendorf	Patterson
Zehner	Finney
Armstrong, Jr.	Armstrong, Sr.
Reed	Falwell
	Larkins
	Lark

Sec Callahan

Debate Aff. Roberts

Neg. Eddy

Question: Should females study and promote [oratory] the art of public speaking

Excelsior Hall Friday eve Oct 31st 55

Society met pursuant to appointment
was called to order by pres and opened
with prayer. Committees of the former evening
appeared and were discharged.
Performances came off with their usual
interest. Debate was decided on by
the Committee, and after an animated
general discussion on the left by the
house. A Committee of six was appointed
to provide songs for the use of Society.
The following gentlemen were admitted
to membership in this society. By Messrs
A. Brown, J. Lewis and J. Stewart.
The performances for next evening
were announced as following.

Dec	Coni	Dec
Patterson	Defendorf, Robert	
Sumner	Johnson	
H. Armstrong	Reed	Debate
W. Armstrong	Simpson	Off Beer
Folsch	Callahan	By Jenkins
Gask	Francis	
Johnson	Bowles	
Edy		

Discussion. Does the superiority of
one man over another consist more in
nature than education?

On motion Society adjourned to
meet as usual.

Wm Simpson Secy
Joseph B. B. Secy

Classification of Circulation Society for the Winter Term of 1856 to 57

First class

Eddy
 1216
 Callahan
 Jenkins
 M. Armstrong
 A. Ewing
 Bowles
 R. E. Brown
 Steward
 Patterson
 Folwell
 Shaker
 McArthur
 Bryant
 Green
 Gaulb
 Miller
 White

Second Class

J. J. Armstrong
 Finney
 Francis
 G. Ewing
 Burr
 W. A. Brown
 Johnston
 Isaac
 Simpson
 Deifenderf
 Lath
 Bell
 Scott
 Fulton
 Earle
 Jones
 Caves
 The wife

Next Evening, First Class

Declamation	Composition	Let
Eddy	Bother to	Jenkins
Patterson	Gallagher	W Armstrong
Zakner	R R Cowan	Boles
Wawro	Stewart	A Ewing
Question	Was the execution of Major Anderson	justifiable
For	Two Weeks	2nd Class

Decl	Leon	Let
Beir	Simpson	J J Armstrong
W A Cowan	Reese	Trinity
Whiston	Scott	Francis
Jell	Superior	Sperry
Tuller	Eagle	Lark

See a highly civilized community
add to the strength of government

See

Decl	Leon	Let Jenkins
Eddy	Patterson	Zakner
Robert	Meiller	Debate Bryant
Gallagher	Boles	Hubb
Shoell	Stewart	Wawro
R Cowan	Ware	
A Ewing		
W Armstrong		

Question Should Infidels
be permitted to testify in our
courts of justice

Decl	Leon	Let Francis
J Armstrong	Beir	Debate off Eagle
W Armstrong	Whiston	My Love
Trinity	Jell	Should Infidels
Francis	Tuller	publications in the
Sperry	Simpson	
Lark		

Oct 1st 1841 Friday Eve Nov 1st 1841

Society met as usual was called to order
by the vice president opened with prayer
At the calling of the Roll the following
members were absent viz Disfendant
Callahan Francis Lash Patterson
The minutes of last Eve were read and
received a Committee on unreported names
was discharged Performances were of usual
interest Debate decided on the aff by
Committee and also on the aff by the Court
The performances of ~~last~~ Eve were
announced as follows

Disfendant	John	Leat
Spain	H. Armstrong	Bea
Simpson	John	
Callahan	Lash	Debate
Francis	Johnston	aff J. Armstrong
Stewart	Edg.	aff John
Bowles	A. Sewing	aff { Patterson
Living	W. Brown	aff { Hawks
R. R. Graham	Jell	
Johnston		
Robert		
Scott		

Dec
I have the death
penalty be a Whitten
John Simpson
Joseph Lee Last pro

Coclecion Hall Friday Dec 14th

Society met at the usual hour
was called to order by the Pres and
opened with prayer. At the calling
of the roll the following members were
absent viz. Callahan and Lark

The election result was as follows

President W. L. Bear Vice Pres. J. L. Zuker
Sec. J. Simpson Critic Reed Treas. J. L. Zuker
Comm. Eddy J. J. Armstrong & Stewart

All the members performed the duties
assigned in a manner creditable to
themselves and to society. The debate
was decided in the City by the
committee and the house

The following gentlemen were received
as members of society viz. J. J. Zuker
Fuller The performances of next
week are announced as follows

Sec	Comm	Debate
Eddy	Robert	Jenkins
Patterson	Callahan	J. Armstrong
Zucker	R. Cowan	Off. Rules
Hawke	Stewart	
		Aty. A. Ewing
		Johns

Due to the execution of Mayor and
justifiable

On motion society adjourn

J. J. Simpson Pres
J. L. Zuker Sec

Excelsior Hall Sunday eve. - Oct 21st 1888

Society met according to adjn. was called to order by the Pres. and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent: viz. Boley, Stranbe, Callahan, Finney, Johnson, Lahn, Roberts and Stewart. Absentees of former conv. excused except Diefendorf fined \$1.00.

The Pres. announced the expiration of the term of Officer, and invited the Pres. elect to the chair, who delivered a very brief but interesting inaugural. Performances came off with usual interest. Discussion of Com. in app. to make in app.

On motion Mr. Grubb was rec'd as active member of Socy.

On motion Dr. Glas was invited to attend regularly.

The performances were announced as follows:

Occ.		Com.	Section
Beer		Simpson	
W. A. Brown		Eagle	V. S. Simington
Johnston		Scott	Finney
Pell		Diefendorf	Francis
Fuller		Beed	Frank
			Ewing

Question: "Is a highly civilized community and the strength of a Government?"

On motion Society adj.

Calvin Beer Pres. Ena Simpson Secy

Excelsior Hall Nov 28th / 86

Society met pursuant to adj. was called to order by the Pres and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent: Mrs. Bell, Fuller, Callahan; H. B. Cowen, and Roberts, Absent of last week excused.

Refugees came off as usual, all admitting themselves creditably except Gifford, joined in etc and Scott excused.

Excursion of cars in favor of Aff. by the house, as to route in the city.

Business of a general nature done before the house. 12 new names, Miller and Hayes were read as active members of this Socy. Mr. J. J. was asked what on the next week he would propose to do.

as an honorary member of the Socy.

Mr. J. J. was instructed to purchase a pint of oil for the use of Socy for next week.

Dec - Adwell	Cowan	Callahan	off idly & question Goals. Should (By Roberts. the ground it must be supported.
B. Cowen	Johnson		
A. Ewing	Miller		
Bryan	Latham		
Grubb	Finkens		

Wm Armstrong

for two weeks Lecture Hall

Dec - J. J.	Cowan	Johnson	What off and By J. J.
Francis	Mr. Cowen		
L. Ewing	Johnson		Question
Gifford	Bell		The difference of char-
Eagle	Fuller		acter attributable more to
Scott	J. J. Armstrong		physical than to moral causes?
Hayes	Cowan		Dec adj.

Wm Armstrong & friends

Excelsior Hall Dec 5th 1850

Rolls met pursuant to adj. was called to order by the Pres, and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent, viz; Deifendoff, Hunk and Calochan.

Performance as usual. Decision of Committee in Regs. This House as to merits in Regs.

In motion Mr Ware became an active member of this society.

According to previous notice, Mrs Ashmun became a temporary member of this socy.

Performance for next week

In Regs. in Comp - Mrs Downing, Mrs Johnson, Bell, Finner, Fisher, and 2000 Amos.

Francis Picture - 1st

Debate Aff. Imperson.

Deifendoff

By Reed

Eggle

Question

Scott

Will the doctrine of the unity of Human race true?

Bryce

Ewing

For 2 weeks

Decd

Hunk, Pat, Miller, Johnson, Stewart, Roberts, Brown, Hunk.

In Comp - Howell, R. Brown,

A. Ewing, Bryan, Grubb, Mrs. Tomlinson

Lecture - Eddy - 1st off Dr. Johnson

Question - "Is it not most indebted to for civil liberty political oppression or Education?"

In motion for 1st

P. H. B. 1850

James Simpson - Secy

Excelsior Hall Dec 12th 1884

Society met pursuant to adj^o
was called to order by the Pres and opened
with prayer. At the calling of the roll the
following members were found absent viz
Callahan, G. Ewing, A. Ewing, and Hayes, Eagle

The Absentees of last week excused.

The election of officers resulted as follows
Viz: Pres V. P. Armstrong, & Pres Sec. See Pres.
Critic Simpson. Treas. Zahner, Com. Boals
Holwell and Wm. Armstrong.

All performed except Wm. Bowen Bell
and Fuller, each of whom were fined 6¹/₂ cts
for non performance.

Decision of com. in aff
As to merits in aff.

Performances for next week

Dec - Banks, Pat Miller
Zahner Boals, Stewart Robert Hart Bryan,
Com.

Holwell B. Bowen, A. Ewing - Grubbs
Wm. Armstrong - Gilchrist
ecture Edly

Debt, off Callahan
By Lenkins

Question "Which are we
most indebted to for civil liberty
~~of Political expression~~ or Education
An Motion was adj^o

C. H. Beer Pres
D. Simpson Scribe

Exposition 17th Dec 19th 1856

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the Pres and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were absent viz Lark Johnston, Robert R Cowan, W Cowan, Fuller, Gull, Belle Jones & Eagle. The terms of office having expired the Pres left the chair making a few appropriate valedictory remarks and the Pres & Sect entered upon the discharging of his duties making a brief but appropriate inaugural. The performances came off with their usual interest. Debate was decided in this ~~case~~ by Cora and also by the house.

The performances for next week were announced as follows

Dec	Cora	Sect Pres
Beer	Defendant	
Johnston	Eagle	
Belle	Scott	Debate
Fuller	Wages	App / Armstrong
Jones	by Emily	W Cowan
Simmons	Lark	W Jones
		Chas Francis

Thus the differences of character attributable more to moral than physical causes are more widely appreciated.

J J Armstrong Pres
Joseph Reed Sect

Excelsior Hall Jan 2nd 1854

Society met as usual was called
to order and opened with prayer At
the calling of the roll the following members
were absent viz Francis Holmes Gundy Lark
Patterson G Ewing A Ewing Alonzo Brown
Fuller Bryant ~~John~~ John Anna May
The absentees of last we were excused

Performances as usual except the debate
which owing to the absence of debaters was
dispensed with No general business was
transacted The performances of the evening
were announced as follows

First Class	
Declamation	Composition
Edy	Patterson
Robert	Meiles
Callahan	Wiles
Joseph	Stewart
A Brown	Ware
A Ewing	Lee
A Armstrong	Jenkins

Debate

Aff	Walker	Question Should infidels be allowed to testify in our courts of justice
	Bryant	
Arg	Watts	
	Wells	

On Motion Society adjourned
J. Jefferson Armstrong Joseph Reed Scribe
For

Exeter Hall Jan 9 1858

Society met was called to order and
opened by prayer the abstruses
of last evening were resumed

performing a cap a performance
except that it was from 10 to 11
and a performance who is in the city

The debate was decided by common vote
also by the house on merits of the year
Not clear the 6th Society without permission
was given in the name of 21 to

On motion Messrs. [unclear] and White
were received as members of this Society

The performance for next we were
innumera as follows

Amusement

John [unclear]	John	Let Francis
John [unclear]	John	Debate
Mr. Corvan [unclear]	John [unclear]	App. Eagle
Lark [unclear]	John [unclear]	App. [unclear]
Timmy [unclear]	John [unclear]	John [unclear]
Superior [unclear]	John [unclear]	John [unclear]
On motion Society adjourned by leave		

of Messrs. Armstrong [unclear]

Ex Hall Jan 10 1858

Society met at the call of the [unclear] a [unclear]
and was opened with prayer a [unclear]
from the [unclear] Society appeared in the [unclear]
invitation to attend a public performance
of that night this one [unclear] [unclear]
accepted. On motion the performance for this
were [unclear] to [unclear] [unclear] who have been
since the previous [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
appealed from the decision of the [unclear] But the motion
after some debate was lost

The election of officers resulted
as follows. Pres. Allen J. P. Roberts
Det. Simpson Secy. Deas Treas. Talcott
Com. of Vigilance Eddy Isaac & Henry

On. Nation Society a premium

Thomas Jefferson. Trusting the
Joseph Reed Seethe

Excellence Hall Jan 22nd 1857

Society met pursuant to adj^y was called to order by the Pres and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent, viz- Freeman, James Hayes Johnson, B. Cowen, Wm Cowen, Dean, Miller & Beysie, Minutes of last ev^g adopted. Treasurer's report heard and read. The Pres announced the expiration of the term of office, and invited the Pres elect to the chair. A very appropriate prayer was delivered, which is to be hoped will be rigidly adhered to by every member.

Performances as usual. Pledge 64 cts for non-performances. Simpson excused. The advocates of the 1850 being absent W. P. Armstrong was appointed by the Pres. Decision of Com. unanimously in Aff^{ve}. A general discussion of much interest ensued and the question decided in Aff^{ve} by the House. A committee of reception was appointed by the Pres. consisting of Messrs W. P. Armstrong, Eddy & Roberts. On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to procure the necessary amount of oil & candles for the use of Pres.

Pres for next ev^g

Secy - Dat. Miller, Johnson, Bryant, ^{Deafins} ~~Johnson~~, Hare, White
Comp^{rs} Callahan, Folwell, B. Cowen, A. Ewing, W. Armstrong,
Lecture - Parks. Debate Aff Eddy vs Roberts. Eng
"Should Ministers participate in the political
affairs of a nation, farther than the Electoral
Franchise?"

On Motion Secy Adj^y
Wm Simpson
Scribe
Pres
Scribe

Excelsior Hall Jan 30th 1857

Society met pursuant to adjⁿ
was called to order by the Pres and opened
with prayer, at the calling of the roll the
following members were found absent, viz:
Callahan, Knicker, Robert, White, Davis & Brown
Wm Brown, Keph. & Johnson. Minutes of last
even approved. Absence of last even excused except
Miller paid 64 cts.

Performances as usual
Discussion of Comm in Affs - of the house
in the Meys. No business of a miscel-
laneous character.

Performances for next even

DEC - Eyles, Hill, Fuller Johnsons Hayes, Keph. & Brown
& Simpson.

Comp. S. Ewing, Francis, East, Defendorf, Finney,

Lecture Recd

Debate, Affs J. P. Armstrong, vsy Decr.

Question.

"Should a man be allowed more
land than he himself can cultivate?"
For 2 weeks. - DEC

Fuller B. Cowen, Miller,
White & Eddys

Comp. Bryant, Penning, New
Hawks, & Roberts.

Debate - A Diving
Affs Callahan & Patterson,
vsy Wm Armstrong & Johnson.

On Motion Lost Ref

For 14 days, Provs
On Motion Lost Ref

Excelsior Hall Feb 6th 1857

Society met. was called to
order by the Pres and opened with prayer.
At the calling of the roll the following
members were found absent, viz. Brew, Hunter
Hawks, Callahan, Herpet, White, N. Brown, R. Brown,
Deifendorf, Johnston.

Absentees excused. Performances
as usual. Fuller fined 6th cl. Debate off Eddy
(ing. Reed)

Question - "Ought a man to be allowed
more land than he himself can cultivate?"

Decision in Neg: as to merits in affo.

No miscellaneous business.

Performances for next eve.

Pres - Folwell, R. Brown, Miller,
White, Bryan & Eddy,

Hawks & Roberts -

Comps. Harv, Jenkins,
Lecture - A. Ewing.

Debate off. Callahan & Lathrop

Wm. Armstrong & Lynner

Question - "Should Congress donate public lands
for public improvement?"

In 2 weeks - Dec. Lash, Fuller, G. Ewing, Brew

Deifendorf & Herpet.

Comp. - Simpson, Eagle, Francis, Bell, Johnston, Hays,

Wm. Cowen. - Lecture Reed

Debate off. Wm. Armstrong Reg. Finney
Question - "Should the laws of justice ever be
turned aside to favor the cause of humanity?"

(In Motion) Local Adj.

Wm. Reed Pres

Wm. Simpson, Sec'd

Excelsior Hall. Feb 15th / 57

Society met. was called to order by the Pres and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent, viz: E. Ewing, Francis F. Brown, Wm. Brown, Fullers, Bell, Bessy, Hager, Hare, Hapel.

Absentees of last week excused except Hawk who was fined 6^{cts}. The result of the election of Officers was as follows, viz: Pres Ewing, B. F. Palmer, Sec Eddy, Treas J. P. Armstrong, Wm. Armstrong, Com of Bys Fawell, Patterson, Roberts.

Performances as usual. One of the admirers of the Affo being absent, Lash was appointed by the Pres to fill his place. Discussion of Coms in Affo, as to merits by the House in the Reg.

The following gentlemen were handed into the ^{Reg.} by the Pres viz: A. Ewing, Ewing, Defenders J. P. Armstrong, Wm. Armstrong, Hawk & Eddy.

Each of whom were fined 6^{cts} except A. Ewing who denied the charge, and there being no positive proof was acquitted.

A. Ewing & Patterson were ^{each} fined 6^{cts} for having their feet on the seats.

W. Armstrong appealed, deeming his fine unjust. Which appeal, after some discussion was not sustained.

Patterson appealed, alledging as a reason that his feet was not on the seat, and no direct evidence brought against him, his fine was rescinded.

A. Ewing appealed, and on motion his fine not rescinded.

Mr Roberts was handed into the hands of Coms for leaning his head against the wall. Mr Roberts entered into a lengthy detail of the conduct of certain members of Soc for some time past, and also stating that he did this purposely, ^(that is to say to get justice done) to try the Soc, at the same time taking care that his hair and not his head should touch the wall. On being referred to the Coms he was acquitted. The contents of the Press and the charges brought by Mr Roberts against some of the members of Soc both in their private and official capacity were considered to be serious a character to be passed over in silence. Therefore it was resolved that the House go into a Committee of the whole to investigate this important case. W. P. Armstrong was called to the chair by the president, and after a lengthy and animated discussion he was passed to the Committee of Dign who fined him 6s 6d for contempt of the Decentness of the Soc.

Mr Eddy gave notice that on the next eve he would offer an amendment to the constitution, creating the office of a com of reception, and that its duties be vested in the Committee of Dign.

On motion, The Treasurer was instructed to have the Lamp repaired, which motion prevailed. Performances for next evening was announced as follows: (viz.)

Declaration.
Pitch, S. Ewing, Beers, Fuller, O'pendorf & Kipst,

Composition

Simpson, Francis, Eagle,
Wm. Green, Felt, Johnson and Hayes

Lecture - Reed
Debate (Opp. T. V. Armstrong
Veg. Finney)

Question for Discussion

Would the laws of
justice ever be turned aside for
favor the cause of humanity?

Performances for 2 weeks
Declamation

Patterson, Wm. Armstrong,
Hawks, & Miller

Composition

White, H. Brown
Hakoe and Eddy
Lecture S. Robert.

Debate (Opp. A. Ewing and
Hare
Veg. Tolson and
Egan)

Question for Discussion

Is happiness man's only
incentive to action?

On motion, adjourned.

W. H. Reed

President

Wm. Simpson
Scribe

Excelsior Hotel Feb 20th 1892

Thrice met pursuant to adjournment and
 was called to order by the Vice President and
 opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll
 the following members were found absent viz.
 Hays, R. Cowan, H. Cowan, Hawks, Zahner, Lash.
 The absentees ^{of the foregoing} that were present were all excused.
 The treasurer's report was then read and acted.
 The term of office having expired the officers
 elect took their seats, the Pres. on approaching
 the chair delivered a very interesting address.
 The performances being next in order the members
 present acquitted themselves creditably. Question
 discussed, "Should the laws of justice ever be turned
 aside to favor the cause of humanity?" Decision
 of the judges in the aff. and by the voters
 in the city. On motion Francis, Roberts and
 Patterson were appointed as reception committee,
 Lash, White, and Sp. Armstrong were appointed to
 look after certain delinquents, Zahner, Edg. being
 were appointed to look after the welfare of our
 library, and Zahner, Simpson and Patterson were
 appointed to attend to the getting up of a library.
 On motion society adj. to meet as usual.

Refugees

Dec 1. Transit. 11^h 50^m Eastern, P.M. Hesper. 11^h 50^m

Com. Lark, Bee, Gull, Tuffender, King,
J. G. Armstrong
Larkin, G. L. King

Debate { *W. G. Callahan*
W. J. Simpson

Question, Is there a principle of disinterested benevolence in man?

B. 2. The 18th

Excelsior Hall Feb 27th 1887

Society met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Pres. and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent viz. J. Thompson, W. Thompson, Simpson, Tabner, Tallwell, Hawks, A. Ewing, R. Cowan, W. Cowan, Miller, Bryant, Harpist, Hair. Committee on delinquents reported and were discharged, the absence of the former evening over all all occurred. Performances as usual except Hawks and Miller who were fined 64cts each for nonperformance and all of the debaters being absent except one the regular discussion was dispensed with, and no one wishing to speak in general discussion the question ("Is happiness man's only incentive to action") was decided ~~for~~ to merits.

The house in the Vig. There being no further business before society, Mr Joseph Reed, who was about to take his departure, was invited to deliver a valedictory address. Mr Reed took the floor and delivered a short but a very appropriate and affecting speech, at the close of which the following resolution was passed by the society. viz.

"Whereas in the course of events we are called upon to part with one of our worthy members (Mr J. R. Reed) Resolved that we all unite in expressing our deep regret in the loss of one who has been an active, efficient, and highly honorable member, that we cordially extend him our warmest thanks for his unmitigated labors in our society, and that he bear with him the best wishes of our hearts."

On motion society adjourned, to meet as usual.

Dec: White, R. Cowan, A. Ewing, Hair, Tabner.

Com: Patterson, Wm Thompson, Hawks, Miller, Bryant

Lectures: Eddy | Debate: Alf Roberts

Q. Vig: Tabner

Question: Can there be a just and equitable distribution of

Performances

Exeter Hall Nov 20th

Society met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Pres. and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent, viz. Duffenday, C. H. Francis, Jewell, Roberts, Hawk, R. Cowan, W. Cowan, Fuller, Bryant, Bell, Hain, Herpet. The absentees of the former evening except Graham and Ewing who were fined 2 shs each. The committee not being able to report in full, were continued. Report as usual. Question discussed. "Is there a principle of uninterested benevolence in human society?" of the judges, in the Aff, and after an animated discussion it was decided by the vote in the Aff. On motion the President was instructed to pay to the committee for fitting up a library room, money as they demand. There being no further business the Lord's prayer were read as follows. In the next evening

Dec 1. White, R. Cowan, A. Ewing, Hain, Fuller.

Pres. Patterson, W. J. Armstrong, Hawks, Fuller, Bryant.

Debate. Off. Roberts: Question.
Aff. Graham: Can there be a virtuous ambition?

For 1000 weeks

Dec 1. Fuller, Duffenday, Herpet, J. J. Armstrong, Simpson.

Comp. W. Cowan, Bell, Hayes, Callahan, Ewing, Patterson.

Lecture Finney

Debate. Off. Lusk. Aff. Francis

James, There is surely more to hope from common than high schools.
Rev. Amos A. Phelps, President of the American Board of Christian Missions. See Edition

Excelsior Hall March 13th 1857

Society met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Pres. and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent, viz. Duffendorf, Francis, Hawks, St. Pwing, Fuller, Harpist.

The absence of the former evening were all excused except Fallwell and Harris who were fined 80^{cts} each and Roberts who was fined 60^{cts}. There being no committee to report, the next in order was the election of officers which resulted as follows. For Pres. Roberts, V. Pres. Eddy, Sec. Zahner, Asst. Simpson, Treas. J. Armstrong, Dye. Wm. Patterson, Finney. Wm. Armstrong, Librarian. Absent except Patterson who was fined 60^{cts} for non performance, and Eddy excused on account of ill health. Question discussed, "Can there be a military ambition?" Decision of the judges in in the city and by the house in the affrs. There being no further business before the house the proceedings were closed as follows

Dec. Fuller, Duffendorf, Harpist, J. Armstrong,
Simpson, Fallwell

Comp. Wm. Brown, Bell, Hayes, Callahan Eddy.

Deacons. Finney

Debate Asst. Zach
 Viz. Francis

Question. Has our country more to hope from common than from high schools.

On motion society adjourned to meet as usual.

President. Simpson

Secretary Eddy

Wells. Wall N. N. 20" 134

Scely met as called to out by Sir. and
of out with plans. up to evening. The well to personing
numbers were present, about, 100. The Annual report of
Gallatin. It was the same as last year
and reported. I am being no Committee. In report, the Sir
on named, the expiration of the term of office and invited
the President elect to the chair, to be upon making a few
very appropriate. Inaugural remarks, which upon the Sir
~~the discharge of his duties~~ the Sir was sitting about at the
time the speaker long Sir. A motion was made that
the business report be heard, which was then and received,
the report was read and all acquiescing themselves entirely, etc.
The Sir was present, the position to perform in his place
the Sir a large and some were present, each to contribute
The Sir then reported, it was only more to be so far from
common than from Sir. The Sir was decided in favor
of the Sir by majority of one, & general discussion
of much warmth ensued, and the Sir decided by house
in the Sir. According to the Sir given on
the present evening Mr. Sir. I. Sir. and
Mr. Sir. I. Campbell, became the Sir
members of the Sir. The Sir was then
made that a Sir. Sir. Sir. for the Sir.
of Sir. be Sir. which Sir. a Sir. and
immediate discussion was carried, Sir.
The Sir was then Sir. Sir. Sir. Sir.
to Sir. to the Sir. of the Sir. Sir.
a motion was made that the Sir. be Sir.
were Sir. Sir. Sir. Sir. Sir. Sir.
held in the Sir, Sir. Sir. Sir. Sir.
Society Sir. Sir. Sir. Sir. Sir.
was made that a committee be appointed to
prepare a memorial for the purpose of Sir.
The Sir, Sir. Sir. Sir. Sir. Sir.
I Sir.

A motion I thought it convenient that I should
appoint it as a committee to be to the point, and in all
reference to the report on the committee was in
discussion, Mr. Perry announced that on next evening
he would propose the name of John Smith. I then
announced as a member of the Sec. I of a committee
at your notice that he would propose the name of
James Buchanan as an Honorary member of this Soc.
Supper for next evening

Of celebration
H. Jackson, J. Wilson, G. Smith, J. Simpson, J. Smith
of celebration
J. Smith, J. Smith, J. Smith, J. Smith, J. Smith

Section of the Sec. J. Smith, J. Smith, J. Smith, J. Smith, J. Smith

Question, (which collection to be allowed,
the right of a Supper in the United States)

(a motion I am allowed to make on the first
regular evening of the next Session)

Sec. J. Smith

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(Cicero's Hall Apr 24th 1857)
Society met was called to order

by the Pres. and opened with prayer. At the calling
of the roll the following members were found absent
viz. W. Armstrong, John H. Patterson, Hawkey,

Rev. Dieffendorf, Scott. There being no Com.
to report, Soc. proceeded to the regular performances.

All acquitting themselves creditably except
Hawkey who was excused for nonperformance.

The discussion of the question: Is the constitution of the
United States pro Slavery, was decided by the com. in Aff.
also as to merits by the house in the Aff.

It being desired that the constitution and bylaws of Soc.
be read, Mr. Simpson was appointed by the Soc.

to officiate in the discharge of that duty.

On motion the following gentlemen viz. Weelure,

Eddy, Finny, Mohner, Roberts were appointed to take

up the carpet, dust it and replace it with straw

on motion. Hawkey and Richardson were appointed to

procure straw to lay under the carpet. The following

were admitted to membership in this Soc. viz.

Mrs. Hayeslett, J. L. Smith, Spawson, Elder,

Manan, Kewel, Hall, Robert and Sharp.

Performances for the next evening.

Declaration. W. Armstrong, Patterson, Hawkey,
John H. Simpson, J. A. Roberts, Rev. Elder, J. Roberts,

Composition. A. Ewing, Gage, Dieffendorf, A. C. Smith,
J. M. Roberts, Hall, Scott, (Hall), J. J. Armstrong

Lecture. Richardson. Debate. Aff. Eddy, Finny,

Question. Ought a representative to be bound by the will
of his constituents. On motion Soc. adjourned.

J. M. Roberts Pres.

D. Mohner Secy.

Celestine Hall May 14th 1857

Society met, was called to order by the President and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent, viz. W. Armstrong, Peter Zahner, Hiler, Dieffenhofer, Scott and J. L. Smith. The absence of the former. The minutes of the last evening were read and received. The minutes of the former evening being called upon were all excused except Folwell, who was fined 64 cts. The reports of the committee appointed to take up the carpet were received and the committee discharged and also the report of the one appointed to procure straw. There being no other business ~~performed~~ next came off Ball agitating themselves. The election of officers took place which resulted as follows: Pres. James A. Zahner, Sec. Finney, Crit. Richardson, Treas. Gering, Cor. Hawks, Davis and J. M. Roberts. Lib. Armstrong. Cor. Sec. Gaddy. Performances next came off as usual. The discussion of the question "Ought a representative to be bound by the will of his constituents" was decided in favor of the off Armstrong, Folwell and Gering were each fined 64 cts. A motion was made upon appeal that their fines should be rescinded and lost. ~~performed~~ continued on next page. There being no further business before Socy.

The programme was announced as follows
First Class, 1st & 2nd

Declaration, J. Edgar (Charles)
J. G. (Charles) (Sharp, Holt, Gage)

Composition, J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage)
J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage), J. S. Smith
Dana and Simpson

Debate, J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage)

Question, J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage)
J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage)

Second Class, 1st & 2nd
J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage)

J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage), J. S. Smith
J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage), J. S. Smith
Comp.

J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage), J. S. Smith
and J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage)

Debate, J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage)
J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage)

Question, J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage)
J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage)

For fictional writings, more beneficial,
than imaginary

motion adjourned to meet as usual

Res. J. G. (Charles) (Holt, Gage), J. S. Smith (Scribe)

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Soc. Society May 8th /57.

Minutes of the last
were read and received

Society met according to adjournment, was called to order by the President and opened with prayer. The Secretary being absent a committee of "one" was appointed instruct ~~the~~ him that his absence was delaying Society at his coming the roll was called and the following members were found absent: J. J. Armstrong, W. Armstrong, Eddy, Folwell, A. Lewis, Charles Richardson, A. B. Smith, Beer, Dieffenhofer, Winans. The absentees of the previous evening were all excused except Mr. Johnson who was fined the sum of 65cts. The Treasurer's report was read and received. ^{newly} elected officers took ^{respective} seats. ^{President} Johnson taking his seat delivered a very interesting ^{and} commendable inaugural which was lengthy and very instructive. Performances were next in order all of which performed with credit to the performers. Question discussed "Is it ever right to lie?" Division was in favour of the affirmative unanimously. Question was then for general discussion and after some lengthy debating was decided by the house in favour of the negative. Miscellaneous business was then attended to. The following ~~persons~~ ^{persons} were received: Messrs G. W. Winans, Richards & Parr. A committee of three Hawks, McClure, Farney were appointed to clean out the library room. There being no farther "business" performances were read ~~for~~

1st Evening Dec. of Mr. Roberts, Richardson, W. Armstrong, J. J. Armstrong, Keyman, Winans, and Hazlet.

For Mr. Zahner, Ber. Elder. Folwell, Quincy
and Reed

Lecture M. Rure

Debate of Aff. K. L. Smith
vs. H. G. Hall

Question

Are fictitious writings more
beneficial than injurious.

And Case. Dec. J. A. Roberts, Patterson. Disfellowship
Simpson, Charles, and Davis. Parr

Canon. Caddy. Seal. Wagg, Will. Hawks,

Lecture of Roberts.

Debate of Aff. A. B. Waring, Hanson,
vs. H. G. Smith and Sharp

Question.

Which is the most pernicious;
the character of the slanderer or the
slandered.

Society adjourned

Res. Simpson

Secy. J. P. Quincy

Lecture J. Roberts

Debate. Affa Ewing and Ransom.
Negs J L Smith and Sharpe.

Question.

Which is the most pernicious,
the character of the slanderer or
that of the slanderer.

2nd Evening

Pres. Elder. N C Smith; Hall.
J J Armstrong. J W Wiggins,
and Finney.

Comrs J M Roberts, Richardson.
J Wiggins, Hazlet, M Lure,
and Richards.

Lecture Zahner

Debate. Affa Sewel and Pur
Negs Kaufman and
Folwell.

Question Which are the United
States under deeper obligations
to her warriors or statesman.

President. Simpson
Secretary. J. P. Finney.



Excelsior Hall May 22nd 1857

The next person to adjournment was called to order by the President and opened with Prayer. The Secretary being absent Thos. Huntington was appointed to fill the place. Upon calling the Roll the following members were found absent viz. Messrs. Richardson, Richard, Charles, Henry, Beer, Parr, Wendell, Knapp, and Bolwell. The minutes of the previous Evening read and read the Absentees of the last evening were Excused except Knapp and Robert who were each fined 6¢. There being no Communications to report. Performances were next in order, all acquitting themselves creditably. Questions decided unanimously in the Affirmative by Judges; as to Oaths was also decided in Affirmation by a Majority.

Miscellaneous business being next in order Mr. Andrew Parr was read as a member of this Society, being no other business of miscellaneous character. Performances were read as follows

Next Evening

Dr. William C. C. N. O. Smith
Healy, L. Huntington, W. W. Minors and Henry
Corbin.

J. H. Roberts, Richardson, J. H. Minors
Knapp, Moore and Richards.

Lecture - Luther

Debate - Messrs. Knapp and Beer

By Knapp and Bolwell

Question - Which are the United States under
greater obligation to her Warriors or her
Slaves?

Second Evening.
Declarations of Robert Scott, George Benson
Sharp, & J. Smith read. Andrew Parr will
compose.
Patterson Hawks Simpson and
A. H. Parr

Lecture

Eddy

Debate. Mr. Charles and J. Roberts

My Views on the
Question.

Is party spirit the product
of evil. ~~Them~~ of good

Our Motion Society adjourned to
meet as usual

Mr. Simpson. I have something
to Pres. See program

Classification of the Excelsior Society for the Summer term of 1857

First - Class
 J. M. Roberts
 Scott
 Owing
 Panson
 Sharp
 J. L. Smith
 Andrew Parr
 J. Patterson
 Hawks
 Jno. Simpson
 E. W. Parr
 Giddie
 Charles
 J. V. Roberts
 Davis
 Hagg
 Galt
 Hill

Second class
 Newell
 Tollwell
 Hazlett
 Richards
 Richardson
 J. Winans
 Burr
 Kaufman
 M. C. Smith
 Elder
 J. W. Winans
 James Patterson, Finney
 Wall
 A. M. Cure
 J. Zahner
 J. M. Roberts
 J. Armstrong
 W. Armstrong

Excelsior Hall May 29th 1885
Society met pursuant to adjournment
was called to order by the President
and opened with prayer. At the
calling of the roll the following members
were found absent viz. Cady, Patterson
Baker, Hawks, Ewing, J. J. Armstrong, J. H. Roberts,
J. J. Roberts, N. O. Smith, Charles Scott
Diekmeyer, J. H. Parr, Andrew Parr.
Minutes of the previous evening were
read and received. Absentees of the
previous evening were excused except
Richardson and Willard each fined 5¢ and
Hawk who was fined 10¢. There being
no committee to report Election of
Officers took place which resulted as follows
President Richardson Vice President Hawks
Secretary M^rice. Critic Simpson. Treasurer
J. Roberts, Committee of Vigilance Baker
Walt, N. O. Smith... Performances were
next in order every one acquitting himself
creditably. Questions Discussed, Which are the
United States under deeper obligations to
her warriors or Statesman. Discussion of
the in favour of the affirmative.
Decided as to merits in favour of the
Negative. Miscellaneous business was
next attended to. Mr. Cole was received as
an active member of this society.
Committee of J. Roberts Richardson
was appointed to move
the library book into the library
There being no farther business
Performances were read as follows

1st Evening Do. - J. Robert. Scott.
 Evening Ransom Sharp J. R. Smith
 Andrew Fair and Hill.
 Composition.

Patterson Hawks Simpson
 J. H. Parr and Cole.

Lecture

Colleg.

Debate { Aff. Charles and J. R. Roberts
 Ques. Davis and Kagey
 Question

Should innovation be
 encouraged in our schools?

2nd Evening

Do. - Powell, Gallwell, Hazlet
 Richards Richardson J. H. Hannon
 Cannon

Elder J. H. Kaufman J. R. Smith
 J. H. Hannon and Jimmy
 lecture

Hall

Debate

{ Aff. - M. Cure and John
 Ques. - J. R. Roberts and J. H. Hannon

Society adjourned

President J. H. Simpson

James Patterson, Secy
 Scribe



Minutes former are read & read

Excelsior Hall! June. 5th / 57-

Society met pursuant to adjournment
was called to order by the Pres. and
opened with prayer. At the calling of
the roll. The following members were
found absent. viz. T. J. Armstrong, Tallinell
Paterson, J. M. Roberts, J. A. Roberts, Baer
Dieffenberg, Scott & Kaufman. Absentees of
last evening called upon to render excuse
of absence. all present excused. - Committee
on collecting last books reported and discharged
- Same on arranging books in Library ditto
- Also Com on getting up library report. & continued
- Treasurers report ^{received}. Pres then announced
the expiration of the terms of office, after
inviting them to their ^{respective} seats. Delivered a
brief but instructive valedictory before leaving
the chair. The Pres. Elect on approaching the
chair delivered a very commendable inaugural.
Performances came off as usual all acquitting
themselves creditably except Hawkins who was
fined 6^{cts} for non performance. Debate
was carried on ~~rather~~ in a lively manner.
Decision of judges in favor of the Reg.
by a majority of one. Question ^{read} Should emulation
be encouraged in our schools. Decision as to merits
in the Aff. Miscellaneous business being
next in order. A committee consisting
of Cuddy and Paterson was appointed to
remove the stove out of Hall. There
~~being nothing~~. Nor Sampson also gave
notice that at the next meeting. He
would offer an amendment to the
constitution, changing the fine ^{from} 6^{cts}
to 5^{cts}. There being no further business.

Performances were read as follows,

1st Evening. Lect. Moral. Filled to Hysteria
 Richards, Richardson and
 J. W. Winans.

Composition. Beer, Kaufman, Elder
 N. C. Smith J. W. Winans & Finney.
 Lecture Hall.

Debate. Aff. McClure & Graham.
 Neg. J. W. Roberts & Armstrong.

Resolution. Should infidel
 publications be prohibited by law.

2nd Evening. Reception. Lect. Hawks.
 J. W. Roberts, Davis, Simpson,
 Reggy, J. W. Part, Paterson, & Charles.

Composition. Curing, Ransom,
 Sharpe, T. L. Smith, Scott, A. Parr, & Cole
 Lecture. Hall.

Debate. Aff. Caddy
 Neg. J. Roberts

Resolution. Ought Catholics
 to have the right of suffrage & political station
 in the United States.
 On motion. Society adjourned.

Richardson Pres. McClure
 Scribe

Excelsior Hall June 12th / 57

Society met pursuant to adjournment
was called to order by the Pres. and opened
with prayer. At the calling of the roll
the following members were found absent
viz. Armstrong, Eddy, Fullwell, J. A. Roberts,
Beer, Scott, Haggett, Ransom, Sharp, Richards
& Ch. Parr. Minutes read & received. Absentees
of last meeting were all ^{present} excused except Peterson,
who was fined 60 cts. Committee of removing
were reported & honorably discharged. Also on
fitting up library Reps & cont. Performances.
next came off. All acquitting themselves
creditably except W. C. South who was
fined 20 cts for non performance. Decision
discussed. Should infidel publications be prohibited
by hall. Decision unanimously in ^{favor} of
the Aff. ^{general cheap disposed quality} us to ^{judges} ^{monitors} also in Aff.
Miscellaneous business being next in
order. According to previous notice a motion
was made & carried to changing the fines
of Society from 64 cts to 50 cts. On motion
a committee consisting of Hill, Davis & Hawks were
appointed to receive the store. On motion it was
resolved that the Excelsior Society at the coming
exhibition come out only as a Society & that 10 be
appointed to perform. A motion was made to dispense
with the regular order & lost. On motion Society went
into a committee to elect 2 Debaters, which resulted
in Richardson & Jameson being elected. The Pres.
then announced ^{that} on the next evening the other
performers would be elected.

There being no
further business Performances were read
as follows.

Mr. Over. Dec. 1840. J. A. Roberts.
Davis. Simpson. W. Parr.
Peterson. & Charles,

Composition, Evening Ransom,
Sharp: F. L. Smith, Scott
H. Russ. & Cole,

Lectures Will.

Debate. } My Lady Roberts.

Question: Should Roman Catholics have the right of suffrage & political station in the United States?

2nd Ev. Dec. Finney Hill. Ber.
Gibbs M. Church. D. Elder.

Composition, Fullerill. Richardson
J. M. Roberts, Sevel. J. J. Armstrong & Thompson
W. Armstrong Lecture "N. E. Smith"

Debate } Messrs. G. W. Winans & Hazlett
Richards. & J. Winans

(Question. Is a lawyer
justifiable in defending a person whom he knows
to be guilty?

On Motion Society adjourned.

Pres. Richardson & Scratchtimore McChes.

Excelsior Hall June 19th / 57

Society met pursuant to adjournment. was called to order by Pres. and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent. Wm Armstrong, Fiddell, Zahner, J. M. Roberts, J. A. Roberts, W. V. Smith, Beech, Scott Davis, T. L. Smith, J. W. Parr, A. Parr. Votes Minutes read & read, Absentees of former ev. all present - excused. Except Sharpe Ransom & J. A. Roberts. each of whom were fined 5cts. Committee on store Rep. & disch. do. on fitting up Library the same. Performances next came off all acquitting themselves creditably except Ewing, who was fined 5cts for non performance. Debate carried on with much interest. Question discussed. Should Roman Catholics have the right of suffrage and political station in the United States. Decision of judges in favor of the Aff. by a majority of one. Decision as to merits in the Neg. Miscellaneous business was next in order. The election of performers took place. Which resulted as follows. Orators Ransom, J. Roberts. Comedy & Line. Essayists Hall, Hill, Zahner, & W. V. Smith. On motion, the resolutions were limited to 15 minutes & Essays to 10 minutes also debate limited to 20m. The previous motion pending to expel J. A. McElene from Society. was ^{now} taken up & carried.

There being no further business Performances were read as follows.

1st Eve: Dec. Finney. Berr. Elden.
Wall, McChes. A. Zabriskie, J. A. Reed
Com. Feltwell, Kirt. J. W. Roberts.
Kaufman, Richardson, W. Armstrong
& J. F. Armstrong.
Lecture, N. O. Smith.

Debate { By J. H. Winans & Hazlet
Neg. Richards. & J. Winans.
Question: Is a lawyer justifiable
in defending a person, whom he knows to be guilty.

2nd Eve. Sec. Cady, Schupe. J. L. Smith.
Scott. A. Parr. & Cole,
Com. Davis, Peterson, Charles.
Reggy. J. Roberts, J. W. Parr, & J. B. Roberts.
Lecture, Simpson.

Debate. { By Dr. Ransom. A. Hawks.
Neg. Hill & Owing.
Question, Is the Union likely
to be perpetual.

Pr. Motion Society.
Adjourned, to meet as usual.

Richardson
President
M. Thompson
Scribe

Excelsior Hall. June 26th 1877.

Society met pursuant to adjournment
was called to order by Pres, and opened
with prayer. At the calling of the roll
the following members were found absent.
Wm. Fullwell. Humber. J. M. Roberts, Beer
Charles. Scott. Kaufman. Elder. Richards.
H. Parr. Minute, Minutes read & received.

Absentees of last eve, all present. Excused
except Davis. T. L. Smith & W. Parr,
each of whom were fined 5 cents. There
being no committee to report; Society proceeded
to the regular performance. All acquitting
themselves creditably. Election of officers which
resulted as follows. Pres., Paterson, V. Pres.
Eddy. Sec, T. L. Armstrong. Crit. Simpson,
Treas. H. M. Roberts. Com. Ransom. Newell &
T. L. Smith. Performance ^{not come off.} all acquitting
themselves creditably. Question. discussed
Is a lawyer justifiable in defending a person
whom he knows to be guilty. Decision of judges
in the Aff. & as to the merits also in Aff.

Miscellaneous business being next in
order. Mr. Simpson gave notice that on the
next eve he would offer the name of
Professor Trezies of Jefferson College as an
Honorary member.

There being no further
business, Society adjourned to meet
on the next first eve after vacation

Excelsior Hall July 31st 1884

Society met pursuant to adjournment
was called to order by the President and
opened with prayer and singing following men
were found attending J. J. Thompson, Edw.
Howell, Patterson, Camp, Adm. Sec. over
Henry J. Roberts, J. O. Smith, J. W. B. Smith,
Harrison, H. W. Bell, R. W. Brown, Hall, Shaw,
Davis, Richards, Nye, J. W. B. Smith.

There being no communication to report
the President announced that his term of
office had expired invited the officers elect
to their seats after which he delivered a brief
and appropriate address. The President then
being absent J. W. B. Smith was chosen Pres.
Pastor. Performance being next in order all
acquitting themselves creditably except Nye
who was excused and J. J. Roberts who was fined
Quitting. Over and over. Is the union to help
to be perpetual. Decided in aff. by Brown
and also in aff. by the House.
Miscellaneous business being next in
order Prof. H. J. of Jefferson. College was
elected per. Secretary member of this Society.
On motion of the President was instructed
to procure for the use of Society. There being
no other business before the House
Resolutions were read as follows

1st Resolving
That this Society hereby Nye, J. J. Roberts,
Harrison and J. W. B. Smith
Richards.

Composition

February McChesne Pres G H Moore
Elder Houghton and Edmull

Lecture
Richardson

Debate (H H Smith, W. Huntington
Key Winney & Hull
Ought to be closed

Our Mother Society adjourned to meet
as usual

Thos Simpson Thos Jeff Huntington
Pres & Secretary

2nd Evening
Presentation

Persons: J. Roberts, W. Parr
Key, Charles, Lewis, Will and Simpson
Camp, Humph, Scott Cole, Par & Co. 1871

Lecture Patterson

Debate (J Roberts & J I Smith Regat
Key Eddy & Hawks

On Mother Society adjourned to meet as usual

Thos Simpson Thos Jeff Huntington
Pres & Secretary

Declarations

W. Howell Elder, Hazlett A. C. Smith
W. Armstrong, J. B. G. W. Harmon and
J. Harmon

Compositions

Richardsen, J. J. Kull, J.
Harris, Knapp, Richards

Lecture J. M. Roberts

Debate: J. J. Kull and J. Armstrong

By J. J. Kull and Kull

Question: J. J. Kull, J. J. Kull, J. J. Kull
J. J. Kull, J. J. Kull

Constitution. Society adjourned to meet
on Monday

J. J. Kull, J. J. Kull, J. J. Kull
J. J. Kull, J. J. Kull, J. J. Kull

This J. J. Kull, J. J. Kull, J. J. Kull
J. J. Kull, J. J. Kull, J. J. Kull

Our motto is: Excelsior in every thing

1877

Excelsior H. M. August 14th 67
Society met pursuant to adjournment
called to order by the President and opened
with prayer. At the calling of roll following
members present viz. Abner M. Allen
Jesse H. Cady, Charles J. Henderson, Seville
Hargrave, J. Myron Hall, Humphreys
Richardson and M. Carty. Minutes of former
evening read and received. Abner Allen excused
Richardson who was fined 10cts and Richardson
Cady who were fined each 10cts.
There being no committees to Report
Performances were next in order all agreeing
themselves creditably except Andrew Parr who was
fined 10cts for poor Performance. Debate next
in order, one of the Debaters being absent
M. Roberts was appointed to fill the vacancy.
Question Debated Should Secret Societies be
tolerated. Decided in favor of negatives by
Yeas and also in way by house. Miscellaneous
business being next in order. On Motion our
Society was voted as an active member of this
Society. On motion a committee of two
was appointed to look after certain delinquent
members of Society there being no other
business before the House of his election
new character Performances were announced
as follows

Next Evening
J. E. Pollock Elder, Cady, M. C. Smyth
H. Armstrong, Burr, G. H. Perkins, Jackson
C. Richardson, F. Hargrave, H. H. H.
J. Myron Hall, Humphreys, Richardson

Secretary D. M. Roberts

Debate Off McChes and Y. Huntington
My Zukner and Newel
Question Should Cuba be annexed to
the United States
I wish
Declaration
Scott A. Parr Ewing J. L. Smith
Hunt Eddy Sunday
Composition. Wells M. F. Johnson & Huggins
J. Roberts Remson J. A. Roberts and Charles
Lecture Simpson

Off Sharp and Patterson
My Cole and Davis
Should letters be admitted
Oratorical Society adjourned to meet us
again
Fanny Patterson
Pres

Sharp & Huntington
Secretaries
A. S. C. C. D. D. C. C. F. F. S. H. H. S. S. C. C. S. S.
Newton Cunningham J. R. L. L. M. S. S. S. S.
A. O. C. F. S. S. S. S.
Newton Cunningham
A. S. C. C. D. D.

Excelsior Hall Friday the August 1st

Assembly met pursuant to adjournment
called to order by the President and opened with
hymns at the calling of the Roll the following
members were present absent Mr. Eddy
Messrs J. Roberts: A O Smith, Charles
Thompson Scott Thompson J Roberts Mr. Hart
Minutes of the previous evening read and
approved. To look after delinquent members
Reported Report was received and Com. discharged
There being no other Committees to report
The Election of Officers took place which
resulted as follows: Pres Thompson Sec Pres
Thompson Treas Ewing Crs J M Roberts
Lucas Patterson Over of Wm Simpson Richardson
and Eddy Performances read in order all
accepting themselves creditably except Hayes who
was fined 10 cts for poor performance Debate
read in order Instruction should be annexed
to the corrected Rules, Decided in favor of it
by Wm. and in favor of Hayes.

Miscellaneous business being read in order an
motion Mr. Woodhouse was received as a new
member of Society on motion. The
Society was instructed to procure lights for
the evening service. Mr. Richardson gave notice
that on the next evening he would deliver to him
the time is changed on the 1st from 9 to 10 minutes
There being no other business of a miscellaneous
character Performances were announced as
follows

1st. Praising Yeckes singing
Scott. Parr. Ewing J Smith Howard
Eddy and Vesper song

Compositing

Composition. Tell Mr. Francis Hayes I Robert
Ransom I. I Robert and, Charles

Runaway L. A. Roberts and, Charles

Lecture Thompson.

Lecture Simpson.
- Off Sharp and Peterson.

Delute

Key Cole and Davis

My Cole and Davis
 question should not be admitted in to the
 with a constitution sanctioning Slavery

with a constitution sanctioning Slavery

2 Weeks

2. M. W. S. The Kingston, N. Y. Record. 1st March.
Mr. C. W. S. Johnson, Secretary, Kingston, N. Y.
1st March.

Mr. Charles Johnson Secretary Army and Navy

1874

Wien, 18. März 1881.

Angels Elder H. Armstrong A O Smith
 G. H. Freeman Keatts Nordhouse and
 loved

Chas. H. Grosvenor, Keay's North House and
Co. 1882

Good

Lecture Hall

Deutsches Reich

Aug. 2 M. A. Kerk

Question Should publication appear in the Christian Religion is prohibited by Law

The Christian Religion is prohibited by Law

Love

Oct. 1880. Society adjourned to meet
Annual

As usual

Henry Adams
President

Gingst denn auch

Diary

Excise - Hull Friday Aug 21st 1827

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Nowebranen's description is in order.

Mr. Richardson had given notice of the coming
proposals that he would move to have the time changed on
debate from 20 to 15 minutes and yet not being prepared to
make a motion that affect. He wished to ~~have~~ postpone
it until the next evening there being no other important
business was read as follows.

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Composition

Wm. Armstrong & J. Thomas Hargreaves
Woodhouse
B. 10. 1

George Hall

Debate 18th Richardson & 19th
Question would put in opposition to the
Whiston religion or protection by law
~~The motion is carried by a majority of 10~~

~~James Hargreaves~~

~~18th January 1800~~

Mr. John Green of Leeds & Mr. Thomas
and Mr. Charles
in opposition to Mr. Hargreaves

Debate 20th January 1800
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Question

on the increase

Education Society of Leeds
mut as usual.

18th January 1800

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Examination of the "Red Paper" / 5

Merely and pursuant to adjournment
and was called to order by the Pres. Con-
sidering the roll the following members were present
about 100. Elders, 1st and 2nd Church of Christ
Lions Club Smiths & Sons of all their
relations all party members. Minutes of last
meeting called all present who were present except
Bettman who was absent. \$5.00, \$5.00, \$5.00
also \$5.00. The Treasurer's report was heard
and received. There being no letters, our minutes to
report. Performances were next in order, all songs
to be sung. The delegate was next in order
and then the minutes. I spent in the church
when I expected to see. I ended in favor of the
aff. by the. And also in the aff. By the same
circumstances. Summary was next in order
and then from the. The matter. Society wishing to confer
with this in regard to the coming exhibition which
shows, have last night. It was then moved and
seconded, that a committee be appointed from this
society to confer with the file society and to lay
the following proposition before them. That this society
would grant them the next evening the same price as
we have it alternately after this. This motion was
lost. It was moved that a committee from this society
be instructed to confer with the file society
with the instructions that this society should be
to hold the last evening by lot.
motion carried. And Richardson. With
Smith was appointed on this committee.
The women from the file society returned
in answer, that they could not as yet
make any proposition and wished us to
reconsider the motion. Motion was then
put to that effect that we should reconsider
the motion. But was decided in the neg. by the

Excellent Society Sep 11th A.D. 1857

Society met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Pres. and opened with prayer on calling the roll the following members were present viz. Wm. L. Lyman J. E. Fobate Charles Wm. Hill & Thomas Davis & W. P. Smith. A letter from the members of last evening called for and at present were except William & Eddy who were each fined 25^{cts}. Minutes of last evening read and received. There being no one to report performances were next in order, all acquitting themselves creditably. It is then next in order

Question: Regularity on the increase. One of the absentees on the off being absent, Mr Hunt was appointed to fill this place. Question: decided in favor of the off by the vote and by in the off by the House. Miscellaneous business was next in order

The correspond read a letter from the Honorable J. E. Burdick thanking the Society and expressing his desire to be elected as a member of the Society. The Society voted to accept the letter and the letter was handed into the hands of the care of the off for being about at the proper hour for Society to convene and was carried. The secretary thinking that he had given an ostensible reason for being absent, upon his fine, it was then moved that the fine be recalled, which motion was lost. ~~The being~~ Mr Simpson came on finance from the time the Hall was finished reported which report was received. It was then moved that the money which Mr Simpson now has in his possession belonging to this Society be transferred to our treasury which was carried.

There being no other miscellaneous business before society performances were read as follows

Examination Hall Sep. 11th / 67

1867. Society had a General & Special meeting was call to transact some business, which was not attended to at the regular meeting. Society was opened with prayer. On motion the propositions which were laid on the table the persons presenting were taken up.

On motion a Com of our was instructed to confer with the other Society and to ascertain whether they still adhered to their propositions and rejected ours. Mr. & Mr. Colver was appointed on this com.

On motion both propositions were taken up and discussed. On motion the second proposition

was rejected and the first proposition was reconsidered.

The Com from the file society answered our com as follows, That they still rejected our propositions. On motion the following proposition was adopted. That we should leave it to the people to decide which should have the last right. That a com of three be from each society to set forth their respective claims be appointed on that whom has the last right. By this time there is alternately here after and that this be reduced to writing by both societies. On motion a com of three was appointed to inform the file society of this action. The Com from the file society informed that their society accepted our propositions all excepting the last part of it. That is the word not enter into a union agreement. They thought we should commence to take the last right by alternation from the last resolution. On motion the following resolution was passed. That this society bestore

the file society the last right at this resolution pending and they have it alternately after this is settled. This be reduced to writing by both societies and a com was appointed on that.

the following resolutions were passed for the coming year
in motion society agreed.
on motion society agreed.
J. B. Jameson
W. C. Goring

Excellent Hall Sep 14th 1857

A special meeting of society was called
society was opened with prayer in singing the roll. The
following members were found absent - viz. J. B. Jameson,
Edw. Charles, Hays. The object of society meeting at this time
was to reconsider some of the business which was done at
last special meeting, and the last motion which passed the house
at the last found to be impracticable. It was moved and seconded
that the first motion which was to give \$100 the first night
be reconsidered, and was seconded in the neg by J. B. Jameson,
Hays. It was then moved that we adhere to the last
proposition submitted to the Pitt Society and which was
carried. On motion a com of three consisting of J. B. Jameson,
Richardson & Hays were appointed to inform the Pitt
Society of this action. They returned and move that they
would submit to this proposition. On motion a com of three
consisting of Hays, Richardson & Hays, were appointed
to make out of the programme, On motion a com of three consisting
Hays were appointed to see for the printing of the same.
On motion a com of three consisting of Jameson, Richardson
& Hays were appointed to set forth the claims the
Excellent Society had for the last evening. To the Treasurer
On motion a com of 5 consisting of Richardson, Hays
& Hays were appointed to draw the receipts
concerning the subscription which was passed by society.
On Mth was moved that we take the money out of
treasury to pay for the programme which was carried.
It was moved that be 500 programme printed which was
carried.

On motion society adjourned

J. B. Jameson
W. C. Goring

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed meeting of the friends of the cause of the oppressed in this city. The committee on the subject have been organized and will meet on the 15th inst. at 7 o'clock P.M. in the hall of the City of New York. The report of the committee will be made at that time. The meeting will be held at the hall of the City of New York. The committee on the subject have been organized and will meet on the 15th inst. at 7 o'clock P.M. in the hall of the City of New York. The report of the committee will be made at that time. The meeting will be held at the hall of the City of New York.

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In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals at New York, this 10th day of January, 1844.

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Excelsior Society Oct 28th 1953

Society voted pursuant to adjournment was
called to order by the Vice President. The
President being absent. Secretary being
absent. Mr. Tully was appointed sec pro tem
by motion. The reading of the minutes of
the last evening was dispensed with.
also Lecture and debate after which
a general discussion ensued upon
the following question. Are the people of
any nation ever justifiable in violating the law of God
which was decided in favor of the
Y. A.

Dec.	Persons
Hein	Sam
Hubert	W. Armstrong
Haplet	Estley
Jamies	J. H. H.
W. J. Armstrong	M. H.
	J. W. H.
	Leet Richardson
	De la Haye (App. Mc Hure
	Reg. Jamieson

Ques. Can the immortality of the soul
be proved from the light of nature?

Mr. A. J. ...
On ...
...
to ...

Excelsior Society Oct 30 1898

Society next pursuant to adjournment
was called to order by the president and
opened with prayer. ~~There being no one~~
~~to report the sec being absent~~ The Harland
was appointed sec pro tem. On motion the
calling of the roll was dispensed with.
All the performers present recognized
themselves. ~~There being~~ except Elder who was
joined 5 to 10 minutes after a discussion
of some earnestness was declared in the city
by the judges and also in the city of the
house

Performances

Sec
Elder
J. H. Thomas
Wood House
J. Armstrong
The Harland
Jennison

Com
Hackett
Holmes
Harris
Roberts
J. J. Armstrong
McKenzie

Loc. Johnson

And J. J. Callahan
Edgely Edgely

Inc.

Stephen Young

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Erection Hall Nov 6th 1857

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the Pres, and opened with prayer. There being no roll of members the calling thereof was omitted, the sec being absent Eddy was appointed pro tem, the committee on repairing the door reported and the report was received and the com. discharged. The election of officers was next in order which resulted as follows, Pres McCune, V. Pres Cole, Sec Eddy, Treas Roberts, Cris Richardson, Lib Zahner Cor Sec Garrison, Hg Com Mr. Farland, Callahan and J. J. Armstrong. Performances came off with the usual interest, all acquitting themselves creditably except Hair who was fined 10^{cts} for non-performance. A motion discussed, "Caught the aim of education to be the harmonious development of all our powers or the special culture of individual faculties" Decision in favor of the off by the judges and also by the house. Miscellaneous business being next in order a Com of three was appointed to repair the window of the library-room, consisting of Zahner, Roberts and Eddy. Also a Com of three, to confer with the Prof in relation to procuring books for and ment our library consisting of Garrison, Zahner, and Eddy. A motion having been previously passed to expend 20 dollars for books. On motion Society adj to meet as usual.

Performances

Declamation

McCune
J. J. Armstrong
Hair
Harriet Richardson
Hanks Jones
Galwell
Duffendary
Louth

Composition

Woodhouse
Eddy
W. Armstrong
Mr. Farland
Garrison
Elder. Ramsom
W. Jones
Cole

Lecture

Callahan
Debate
Off Roberts
Neg. Zahner
Quess: Are the people of Ohio justifiable in violating the fugitive Slave Law

Excelsior H. L. Nov 13th 1887

Service met pursuant to adjournment was
called to order by the Pres and opened with prayer
At the calling of the roll the following names
were found absent, Mr. Bice, Callahan, Dickerson,
Eddy, Galwell, Hair, Hawks, Jameson, W^m Garland, Roberts
Ransom, Zahner, Jones. There being no committees
present to report the installation of officers was next
in order, The Pres elect on approaching the chair delivered
a brief but interesting inaugural. On motion the Treasurer
report was deferred until after the performances. The
performances came off with their usual interest and
all the members present acquitted themselves creditably
except Lovell & Winans who were joined 5th rank
for poor performance. A session of the discussion by
the judges in the aft, and also by the house.
Com. on Resolutions then reported, which report was
read, and the Com discharged. A motion was then
made to appropriate \$ dollars more for books which was
lost. A motion was also made, to have a com appointed
to draft resolutions in honor of our late worthy member
Mr. J. H. Simpson but was lost. Treasurer's report was
read and received. On motion our singer was
elected an active member of our society. A motion
was then brought up to have the performers divided
into two classes, which carried on the aft.

On motion society adjourned to meet as usual.

Dec	Group	Performances	Lecture
Jameson.	Roberts		Callahan
Lovell	Zahner		
Eddy	W ^m Bice	Debate	
Gones	J. J. Armstrong	Aff (Ransom & Haslet	
Winans	Hair	Neg) W. Armstrong & W ^m Garland	
Elder	Richardson	Question	
Bice	Hawks	Was the Mexican war	
Woodhouse	Galwell	justifiable.	
Scott	Dickerson		
actors			

Convention Hall Nov. 20th 1857
 Society met pursuant to adjournment and was
 called to order by the Pres and opened with
 prayer. At the calling of the roll the following
 members were found absent, viz. Col. Callahan
 Haslet, Brooks, Winans, More & Scott.
 The report of the Com on repairing the library
 was received, and the com continued. The
 absences were of the former evening were all
 excused except Talwell and Roberts who
 were fined 5^{cts} each. There being no criticisms
 on composition, Performances were next in
 order, which came off with their usual interest
 all the members present enjoying themselves
 creditably. One of the debaters being absent
 Roberts was appointed to fill his place.
 The decision of the judges on the discussion
 was given in the Vig, and also by the house.
 On motion a com of three was appointed to
 repair the windows of the ^{hall} ^{consisting of Roberts, Talwell, Woodhouse} and on motion
 the treasurer was instructed to procure glass for
 the same. Also on motion Mr Cole was
 excused from attending society only at his option.
 D. J. Thompson announced that on the next
 evening he would propose the name of
 ex Governor Barth^{le} as an honorary member
 of this Society. After which the performances
 were read as follows.

First Class

Declamation	Composition	Lecture
Johnson	Garrison	D. J. Thompson
Roberts	Callahan	T. Cole
More	Elder	W. Woodhouse
Cole	Wm Farland	Key Haslet
Elder	Scott	Question

Ought military institutions be supported
 by the people of the United States.

Second Class.

Declamation	Composition	Lecture
Wm. Armstrong	Diffendy	Richardson
Hawks	James	Sibole
Ransom	Edley	W. Everett
Wm. Clure	W. Warner	W. Tutwell
	Wallace	Question

Does morality advance equal with
civilization

Our motion society returned to meet
as usual.

Dr. Clure

Dr. Smith

"A little learning is a dangerous thing,
Drink deep or never taste the spring."

"This shallow draught intoxicates the brain
But drinking largely sobers them again"

Excelsior Hall, Nov. 27th 1887

Society met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Pres and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent: Mr. Cole, Callahan, Gifford, Zahner, Absentees of the former evening were all excused except Hawks who was fined 10^{cts} and Scott who was fined 5^{cts}. The next in order was the criticisms on composition, after which the report of the Com. on repairing the windows ^{and Com. disburse} was received, and again the report of the Com on repairing the library was received and the Com continued.

Performances as usual except Secret who was excused. Decision on the Dis by the judges of ~~was~~ in the off and also by the house.

On motion Mr. Bailey was elected an honorary member of this Society. On motion it was decided to have a public Society sometime during this season. It was also determined to have 4 Essays, 4 Orations, 1 Lecture & Debate. On motion the regular order of Election was dispensed with & performers were elected viva voce. Election resulted as follows.

Essayists	Robinson	Orators	Y. J. Armstrong	Lecturer	
	Roberts		W. Armstrong		Gahner
	Hawks		McClure		
	Hallucay		Edoby		
On Motion	Essays were limited to 10 minutes				
"	Orations " " " 15 "		Debate		Jamerson
"	Lecture " " " 22 "				
"	Debate " " " 35 "				

After which the performances were read as follows for the second week, viz

See	Group	Lecture	Debate	Off Gahner
Jamerson	Roberts	Mr Farland	Don	By Gifford
Callahan	More	Does a high degree of intelligence		
Elder	Cole Windhouse	depend upon the physical locality		
Scott Harlet	Elder	and climate.		

Special Meeting.

On motion society adjourned, and ere they dispersed, the Pres called the house to order. (and the society was again opened, with prayer) for the transaction of further business. A motion was then made that we procure, "Benton's thirty years in the Senate" which was carried in the Aff. On motion a com of one was appointed to attend to sending for those books, which consisted of Mr. Gubner, On motion society adjourned to meet as usual.

Re N° 6199

Lee (only)

San. Umanet

For many centuries ago M.B. is

In wandering through many
 cities & villages we saw many ~~new~~
 new things which we ~~never~~ had
 thought of before and that is that as we
 we saw all kinds of shops for the ~~sale~~
 of ~~machines and the~~ ~~various~~
 All ~~the~~ ~~various~~
 In war 20

For Joseph M. M. M.

Joseph Moulton (junr) Paper maker
Joseph Marston

Joseph Warrington

for Training

Excellior Hall Dec 4th 1857

Society met pursuant to adjournment and
was called to order by the Pres and opened
with prayer, At the calling of the roll
The following members were found absent
Mr Cole, Callahan, Duffendoff, Ransom, Winans
Wordhouse, Scott; The minutes of the former
evening were read except Jones who was
fined five cents, On motion the critic was
given into the hands of the Com of Vig whose
decision was that he be reprimanded by
the Pres which was done forthwith,
The Com on sending for books then reported, which
report was received and the Com. discharged
The election of officers was next in order
which resulted as follows, For Pres Richardson
Vice Pres Roberts, Sec Wm. Armstrong, Pres.
Mr Farland, Critic Gammon, Vig Com
Wordhouse, Mr. Clare, Harlet; Performances
were next in order which came off with their
usual interest, one of the ~~performers~~ debaters
~~being~~ absent, Roberts was appointed to fill his
place, Decision of the judges in the Vig and
also by the house, On motion Winans was
excused from attending society only at his option,
Also a motion was made to repeal the motion
"previously passed to divide the members into
two classes of performers" but after some discussion
was lost, After which the performances were
read as follows:

Dec	Comp	Lecture
Duffendoff	Hawks	Wm. Armstrong
Jones	Ransom	Debate
Winans	Galwell	Off the culture
Wallace	Harlet	Vig the culture Eddy

Is slavery as it exists in our Southern States both antichristian and
antirepublican
On motion society adjourned.

Excelsior Hall December 11th 1857

Society met pursuant to adjournment and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent viz Messrs Callahan Cole Hawks Scott & Winans. Absentees of the former evening were all deposed. The terms of office having expired the President left the chair after making a few appropriate valedictory remarks and the President elect entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office by making an appropriate inaugural address. Performances being next in order all the performers acquitted themselves creditably except Scott who was fined 5 cts. for nonperformance. The Debate was decided in the negative by the judge and also by the house. On motion the gift of a painting from Dr Oliver C. McBarty was accepted and a vote of thanks returned to the Doctor for the same. A motion repealing the one previously passed which divided the members into two classes of performers carried after an animated discussion. There being no other business of a miscellaneous character performances were read as follows.

Declamation	Composition	Lecture
Roberts	Jameson	W. Armstrong
More	Elder	Debate off McTolue
Cole	Scott	Neg. Eddy
Woodhouse	Karlitt	Question. Should
Elser	J. H. H. H.	foreign emigration
Callahan	Hawks	be encouraged
Mr. Farland	Hamson	
J. J. Armstrong	Hidwell	
Deindorf		
Jones		
Winans Richardson	Pres Richardson	
Wallace		W. Armstrong dec

Excelsior Hall Dec 18th 1857

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the president and was opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent Mr Callahan Defendorf Elder and Hanks. The absentees of former evening were all excused with the exceptions of Callahan and Hanks who were again absent. There being no committees to report performances next came off with their usual interest. The Debate was not decided by the judges but ^{by the question} was decided in the affirmative by the house. On motion the treasurer was instructed to pay for lights already procured and to purchase more. On motion the treasurer was also directed to procure a book for the use of the Librarian. There being no farther business of a miscellaneous character performances were read as follows.

Declamation

Jameson

Elder

Scott

Zahner

Holwell

Callahan

Winans

Caddy

W. Armstrong

Composition

Roberts

More

Gole

Brookhouse

Mr. Garland

J. G. Armstrong

Jones

Richardson

Defendorf

W. Colure

Lecture

Ransom

Debate

Off } Wallace
Elder

Reg } Hanks
Haggett

Resolved Should the present Congress take steps for the construction of a railroad from the Atlantic State to the Pacific
Should Catholics be allowed the right of suffrage
Richardson Pro } W. Armstrong Sec

Excelsior Hall Jan 8th 1858

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the president and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent viz More Woodhouse Scott Elser Folwell Hazlett Hawks and Ransom. Absentees of former evening were all excused. ^{The report of the Committee for forming English school was read and on the chair.} Performances came off as usual all the members acquitting themselves with credit except Defenders who was fined 5 cts for nonperformance. Some of the debates being absent Hon J. J. Armstrong was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by their absence. The debate was decided in the affirmative by the judges and the question in negative by the referee. Miscellaneous business being next in order Messrs Fordy McQuady and Hazlett were received as active members of Society. A motion was made to appropriate \$9.01 more for the purchase of Books which carried. On motion Jamison, were appointed to consult with the Professor in regard to the books best suited to the society. A motion was made to ~~procure~~ ^{procure} a new Book Case which carried. On motion it was resolved that we get one made of the cheapest material six feet square without boards in the back. A motion to fix doors to it was put and lost. The treasurer was instructed to pay for a library window. ~~The society adjourned to meet as usual after performances~~ were no further miscellaneous business performances were reading follows

Declaration Comp

Hazlett, J. J. Armstrong
Roberts, ~~Jamison~~
More, Richardson
Cole, Wallace
Woodhouse, Cowan

Scott Gahner
Winehouse Goldy
W. Armstrong
J. Jamison
Defenders
Elser
Ransom
Hon J. J. Armstrong

Lecture, Mr. Chas. Jones
Debate Off. Mr. Hazlett
Meg. Folwell
Meg. Elser
J. J. Armstrong
The architect of his own character
The P. M. Armstrong, Declaration Society

Excelsior Hall January 15th 1858

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the president and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent viz. Defendorf Folwell Mr. Farland Ransom More Haister Goudy and Mr. Broadway. The absentees of former evening were all excused. The report of the Com on Books was received and the Committee discharged. This being the evening of the election of officers the following was the result. Pres Jahner V S Ransom Sec Mr. Farland Critic Richardson Treas Mr. Armstrong Com of Vig Garrison Eddy and Elser. Performances came off as usual every member performing his duty with the exception of Scott who was fined 5cts for non performance. The debate was decided in the negative by the judge and also by the house. On motion a vote of thanks was returned to Mr. Frobisher for his appropriate remarks before the society. There being no further business of a miscellaneous character Performances were read as follows

Declamation

Mr. Elser
Winans
Jones
Jahner
Mr. Farland
Eddy
Ransom

Essay

More
Cole
J. J. Armstrong
Richardson
Wallace
Mr. Broadway
Conway
Elder
Folwell

Lecture
Roberts

Debate

Aff } Harlett
Abott
Neg } Elser
Defendorf

What Should
the present Congress

take steps for the construction of a Railroad
from the Atlantic States to the Pacific Ocean
Mr. Motion Society adj

Richardson Treas Mr. Armstrong Sec

Excelsior Hall Jan. 22nd 1858

Society met - pursuant to adjournment - the Pres. being absent - was called to order by Vice Pres. and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent - viz. Diefendorf, Eddy, Hastlett, Richardson, Moore, Scott, Elser, Condy, McCondy. Absentees of former Eve - all excused. Treas. report - received.

The terms of office having expired the Pres. Eliot on approaching the chair made a very appropriate - inaugural address.

Performances came off as usual all acquitting themselves honorably. The debate was decided in favor of the yoffi by the judges also by the house. The following motion was then made and passed viz. 1st That a note of thanks be returned to Mr. Shousier for his appropriate remarks before society. 2nd That a committee of three be appointed to see to having a Court Case constructed. 3rd That a committee of three be appointed to see to getting in books belonging to our library. 4th That society procure a new lamp. 5th That the Treas. be instructed to see to collecting all fees due society from old members. 6th ~~invited to deliver a lecture~~

7th That Mr. Barber be invited to deliver a Lecture on some Soc. of regular society called. No further business of a miscellaneous Character. Perform. were read as follows

Declamation	Roberts	Essay	Cole	Lecture	Jamison
3rd	Moore	Fabius	Richardson	Off.	Debate
Conway	Scott	Randall	Winans	McClure	Richardson
Elder	Elser	Hastlett	Wallace	Questions	
Pollock	Diefendorf	Eddy		As it were right	
McCondy	Condy	McFadden	Pres	To live	
Richardson		Jones	Fabius	Sec	
				Q. L. H. Richard	

Excelsior Hall Jan. 31st 1958

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the Pres and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent - Dig-
Gowan Mc Cline Kuster Moore Scott Diefendoff.
Hasslett Mc Cuddy Ransom Winans Wallace.
Assembly of former all excused except Richardson who was fined 3 cts. The report of committee who were appointed to go to getting in books belonging to Library was received and committee continued. Performances were next in order all acquitting themselves honorably except Jones who was fined 3 cts for non performance. Debate was decided in favor of the Aff by judges also by the house. A motion was then made that we return a vote of thanks to Mr. Fastish for his appropriate remarks and recitations before society - carried.

There being no further business of a miscellaneous character Performances were read as follows

Declamation

Essay

Section

Jones

Hasslett

Wallace.

Zahner

H. Armstrong

Ransom

Elder

Debate

Eddy

Dobwell.

Aff Gowan

Mc Kaland

Kuster

Bole

Richardson.

Moore

Reg H. Armstrong,

Jamason

Clarr

Winans.

Mc Cline

Diefendoff.

Question - Do the

Mc Cuddy

Condy.

signs of the times

Scott.

Roberts

indicate a downfall

of the republic

Pres Zahner

Sec. Mc Kaland

Excelsior Call Feb 3rd 1858

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the Pres. and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent - Pres. -

Scott, Eddy, Gifford, Emily Wallace, H. Armstrong, Winans. Absentees of former Evening all excused except Washett who was fined 5c. for not going to committee who he is getting in books belonging to Library was secured and committee continued. Performances came off as usual all acquitting themselves honorably except Jones who was fined 5c. for non performance. A late was decided equally by judges and in the aff. - by the house. No further business of a miscellaneous character. Performances were read as follows

Declamation	Essay	Lecture
Washett	Jones	Roberts
W. Cowan	Cole	
Elder	Winans	Debate
H. Armstrong	Eddy	W. J. Armstrong
Tracy	Washett	M. Garland
Moore	Scott	W. J. Jones
Carr	Richardson	J. Ransom
Gifford	Jamison	Question - Resolved that
Giddy	M. Cline	in temperance is a greater evil
H. Cowan	M. Giddy	than pride
Wood	Wallace	
		Pres. Jones
		Sec. M. Garland

Excelsior Hall Feb 12th 1859

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by Pres and opened with Prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent
 V. Scott. W. Cowan R. Elden Cole Winans
 Absent of former evening all excused. The report of committee who were to see to getting in books belonging was received and committee continued. The committee who were appointed to see to having a book case constructed also reported and report was received. The election of officers was next in order which resulted as follows: Pres J. J. Armstrong
 Vice Pres Woodhouse Sec Mc Clare Critic Richardson
 Great W. J. Armstrong V. Comm. Mc Farland Tolwell
 Resolutions came off as usual all acquitting themselves creditably except Webster who was fined 10¢ for nonperformance. Debate was decided in favor of the Aff by judges also by the house. A motion was then made that we repeat the former motion which was made with regard to having Mr Barker deliver a Lecture at some evening of regular society - carried. There being no further business of a miscellaneous character Resolutions were read as follows

Declaration	Essay
Jones	Richard
Cole	W. Cowan
Robert	Elden
Richardson	W. Armstrong
Scott	Moore
Tolwell	Olson
Harmon	Dispendorf
J. J. Armstrong	Gundy
Wallace	R. Cowan
Mc Clare	Woodhouse
McCreedy	Webster
McFarland	Winans

Sectures	
Tolwell	
Debate	Aff - Jamason
	Neg - Eddy

Question - Is the joint-education of the sexes expedient

Pres Tolwell
 Sec. McFarland

Excelsior Hall, Feb. 19th '88

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by Pres and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent, viz. Diefendorf, Eddy, Folwell, Haylett, Ransom, Woodhouse, James More, Scott, Elser, Keister, Gandy, M'Creedy. Absentees of former Eve- were not present. Treasurer's report read. The terms of office having expired. The Pres. took on approaching the chair delivered a very appropriate inaugural address. Performances then came off all acquitting themselves creditably. On motion regular discussion was dispensed with. After which a very animated and interesting general discussion was carried on in which all engaged, on the question of the joint education of the sexes expedient. Decided in the Aff. On motion a committee consisting Jameson, Richardson & Roberts were appointed to procure music for the coming Public demonstration of Treelsindom. also a motion was made to hold the same in the Hall below. Being no further miscellaneous business. Performances were read as follows.

Proclamation?	Essay.	Lecture
M. Corvan	James	Ransom.
Folwell	Cole	
Keister	Elser	Debate
Winans	Richardson	Aff - Ransom
M. Armstrong	M'Creedy	
Gandy	M'Creedy	Opp - Eddy
Haylett	Elser	
More	Y. J. Armstrong	Question - Should.
Wallace	Woodhouse	publications opposed to the
Gahner	R. Corvan	Christian religion be prohibited by
Scott	Diefendorf	
	Jameson	Pres Y. J. Armstrong
		Sec. M. Creedy

Excelsior Hall, Feb. 26th 1881

Society met pursuant to adjournment. was called to order, by the Pres. and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll, the following members were found absent, W. J. Fowler, Roberts, Ransom, Richardson, Jones, Williams, Gahner, Moore, West. Absences of former Pres. all excused. Committee on music report & read, same on procuring a lamp. ditto.

Performances. Next came off, and availing themselves creditably except Elder who was paid 5 cents for nonperformance. Debate was carried on with much interest & vigor. Question discussed, Should publications opposed to the Christian religion be prohibited by law. Decision of judges in the Reg. by a majority of one. On motion general discussion was dispensed with. On motion, Pres. appointed a committee of one to invite the Philo Society to attend our next meeting. also a committee of three to superintend building a stage for excursions to show, orth upon. Also another, consisting of Richardson, Johnson & idly to arrange performances for the coming week. There being no further miscellaneous business, after performances were read. Society adjourned.

The committee arranged the performances. Thus

Q. Essay.	W. Williams	Subject	Rejoinder
"	J. M. Roberts	"	Rise & progress of science
"	H. Ransom	"	Christian
"			Unsubstantiated
Q. Oration.	H. Armstrong	Subject	Our Country
"	J. Armstrong	"	Early Slavery
"	T. Ledy	"	Love &)
"	A. McClure	"	Spirit of the times

+ ! to study

{ Continued

Lecture in German Subject - Profanity

Debate { Opp. - R. Anderson
 { Wm. J. Ransom }

Question - Can the immortality of the
 soul be proved from the light of nature

Pres. J. J. Armstrong Sec. W. J. Ransom

Carver Hall March 3rd 1882,
Special Meeting.

According to announcement with previous announcement
Mr. Cole was called to the chair, and our
Society opened with prayer, & the reading
of the roll, the following members were
found absent. Wm. J. Ransom, Samuel Ransom,
R. Anderson, G. J. Ransom, J. W. Ransom, Scott
Himms, Gandy. The object of this meeting
was that persons, your public society might
perform and be criticized by society before
appearing in public.

This being done
Society adjourned, to meet as usual.

Pres. J. J. Armstrong } Sec. W. J. Ransom

Wm. J. Ransom

Chalster Hall, March 6th / 1883

After tea and according to previous
arrangement in the Hall, a large number called
to enter by 8.15 and opened with prayer by
the Rev. Mr. Whitham. At the reading of the
roll, all were present except Scott and
Winans, Absent's not called for. The committee
reported, this being the eve of Public Society
at the unusual hour of meeting a very
respectable assembly to have the exercises.

After tea, the exercises then came off each
one doing credit to himself, and honor to
Society. ~~There was a very large number of~~
~~persons present, and the exercises were~~
Lecture of Judge in the High Court of the

There being no miscellaneous business
in motion Society returned a vote of
Thanks to the audience for kind attention and
good bearing, after which performances were
read as follows.

Orators	Chorus	Lecture
Jones	W. Colman	G. G. G.
Chor	Winans	W. H. H.
R. C. C.	More	(Woodhouse)
L. C. C.	H. Armstrong	(McCreedy)
R. C. C.	Haylett	(Key)
J. J. Armstrong	Seder	(Folwell)
Ransom	Cole	Gandy
Hammer	Roberts	
Miller	Wallace	Question, Does woman
Chor	Hammer	exert a greater influence over
		society than man,
On motion Society adjourned		over
J. J. Armstrong, Pres.		W. H. H.

Exclusion Hall March 13th 1887

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by Pres. and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll, the following members were found absent, viz. Eddy, Mrs. Hazlet, Roberts, Hanson, Jones, Maria Scott & family, Abner & Emma except, Hines, who was joined, in center. Confession of officers next took place, which resulted as follows, { Pres. R. K. Anderson, V. Pres. Thomas, Sec. G. B. Johnson, Treas. J. J. Armstrong, Clk. R. K. Anderson, Viz. Com. Roberts, Woodman, Hines }

Performances came off as usual all acquitting
themselves creditably. I visited on Wed. at
the house. I must have discussed a
greater influence over ~~the~~ ^{the} men.

subsecutiones. The next in order. On motion
a committee consisting of Garrison, H. Armstrong &
Woodman was appointed to look after absences.

Being no further business performed were
read as follows

[illegible]

Ch. Motion Society adjourned.

Res. J. Armstrong,

The
M'Carthy &

Excelsior - Hall, March 18th, 1853

(Society met pursuant to adjournment
was called to order by the President and
opened with prayer. At the calling of the
roll the following members were found absent
viz. Miss. Cols. Elder. Jameson, Roberts,
Richardson, Ransom, Woodhouse, Lehner
Jones, Scott and the Bradys. Absentees of former
all excused, Report of committee on delinquent
members was received and committee discharged,
Report of Committee on looking up books received
and committee discharged.

There being no further business before
the Society after hearing a few very interesting
~~valuable~~ remarks from the Pres. leaving the
chair, and a very appropriate inaugural prayer
the Pres. elect the newly elected officers took
their seats. All the ^{performances} ~~excursions~~ off with their
usual interest except Richardson who was
excused on account of illness. Debate

was decided by the judges in favor of the Reg.
also by the house. The Treasurers report
being forgotten at the usual time was heard
and received in miscellaneous business.

On motion a committee of two was appointed
to ~~select~~ ^{superintend} the building of the
Stage for the ~~ladies~~ coming exhibition.

On motion a committee one was appointed to procure
carpet for the Stage, On motion a committee
of two was appointed to procure ~~for~~ ^{for the purpose}
of decorating the house. On motion a committee of two
was appointed to procure lumber for the building
of the Stage. On motion a committee of two was
appointed to act as factotums on the first
evening of exhibition.

There being no further business, we
adjourned to meet on the first
Friday evening of coming Session

Dec

Comp

Dec

Charles Duffendey
Hordue, Scott,
Holwell,
Richardson

W. Armstrong
Zahner

John H. Roberts

De la C.

Spencer

Leg. J. J. Armstrong

A. Roberts
W. C. Smith
W. Wallace

Justice

the the people

of Ohio justifiable in violating
the fugitive slave law.

Richardson Pres

Sec. Zahner

Excelsior Hall April 16th 1838

Society met according to previous announcement, was called to order by the Secy and opened with prayer.

Minutes read and received. The calling of the roll was omitted, there being none made and, it being thought expedient, the reports of committees appointed on the previous evening of 4th, were omitted.

The performances were next heard each one acquitting themselves creditably except ^{Richardson} who for sufficient reason was excused. Debate decided in the negative by the judges ~~by the~~ also by the house.

Miscellaneous being next in order.

The following gentlemen were received as active members of this Socy viz Messrs Peterman Herall Sechrist J. Smith Charles and Sigart.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to procure oil for lamps.

There being no further business before Socy performances were read as follows.

Declaration

Finney
J. M. Roberts
J. L. Smith
Gag
Moore
Woodhouse
Vanderlof
Sigart
Herall
Charles

Cups
Polwell
St Roberts
Winans
Ewing
J. Armstrong
Cole
McLready
Zachary

Lectures
Richardson
Debate
J. L. Smith
J. Armstrong
Sigart
Ransom
Wallace

Question; discussed, its public opinion the
criterion by which to judge of a man's character,
On motion, to adjourn & meet as usual.

Wm. Richardson

Secy. Scher

Excelsior Hall. Apr 23rd 1853

Society met according to adjournment
was called to order by the Pres. and opened
with prayer. At the calling of the roll
the following members were found absent, viz
Finney, Spang, Woodhouse, Tieffenbach, Pizarri,
Charles, Solkell, J. J. Armstrong, Wm. Holbrooke,
H. Armstrong, and Wallace.
Minutes read and received. Then being
no reports to be heard performances were next
in order, which were heard each one agreeing
themselves agreeably except Messrs J. & Robert
and Minnie who were each fined \$5 for non-
performances also Mr Cole who was excused
on the ground of illness. By a majority of
one the debate was decided in favor of the
Question discussed; its public opinion the
criterion by which to judge of a man's character,
On motion general discussion
was dispensed with.

Miscellaneous business being next in
order, the following gentlemen were
received as acting members of this Socy
viz Mrs. McKee, Smur, Martin, Liberton,
Wm. H. Hager, and Muebauer,

At request this constitution and
by laws of 1848 were read.

On motion the Society was divided
into two classes, also on motion
the original ^{constitution} was dispensed with for the
present session.

There being no further business on hand
performances were read as follows.

Dec; Howell, J. & Robert Minans
of Armstrong, Colo. McLeamy,
Hokner, Richardson, Lechman, W. Smith,
Wallace, & Moritz, Elder, Barker,
and Smith,

Copie's, Higgins, Moore, Woodhouse, Segart,
Jesse, Charles, Hagg, Afterman & Smith
and several and others

Lectures, Hanson

Debate at length
off J. H. Roberts and Leffers
J. H. Smith and J. H. Smith
Question

Should slaveholders be
excommunicated from the church,

On motion, adjourned to meet
as usual.

Wm Richards

Wm. L. L. L.

Excelsior Hall Apr 30th 1887

Society met pursuant to adjournment
was called to order by the President and
opened with prayer.

At the calling of the roll the following
members were found absent, viz Mrs W. Armstrong,
Dieffenbach, Meyer, J. H. Coats, Mr. Crady, Vortan,
N. C. Smith, R. Smard, Woodhouse and Rados.

Minutes of the previous evening read
and received. There being no committees

to report the election of officers next
took place which resulted as follows:

Pres. W. Armstrong, Vice Pres. Ewing,
Sec. Finney, Cor. S. J. Armstrong
Treas. N. C. Smith, Librarian, S. J. Armstrong
Corresponding Sec. Richardson. Committee of viz
Wallace, Benson and Holwell.

Performance next in order, which came off
as usual all acquitting themselves creditably.

Debate which was quite interesting and
decided by the judges in the Aff.

The evening being far advanced a motion
was made and carried to dispense with

general discussion. With a suggestion that
the question, which was Should slave holders
be excommunicated from the church, be taken
up at some future time.

Miscellaneous being next in order
the following gentlemen were received and
members of this Soc. viz Mrs Bechtel,
Schroeder and J. C. Hill.

Abstract of last evening all appeared except J. J. Shindler & Mr. Armstrong
and those who are each given, 57th

There being no further business before
the performances were read as follows
first class on next evening,
Declamation

Stevens, Fogart, Hazen,
Paggi, J. M. Roberts, Woodhouse
Comp

Second winans - Fortson
Diefendorf, Cole, Hobart, Rawson and
Haley
Lecture

Mr. Smithson

Debate

Question ^{4th} Should insel publications
be prohibited by law? ^{by Henry}
(See Class for two weeks)
Declamation

Owing Solwell, Herman Moore
Charles Gerrard and Schroeder

Comp

Mr. Grady, Elder (Smart) and Baum, Smith
J. A. Roberts & L. Smith and Wallace
Lecture

A. C. Smith

Debate

Question ^{4th} ~~Should insel publications~~ ^{by J. F. Richardson}
~~Should insel publications~~ ^{by J. F. Richardson}
Should negroes in the state of Ohio
have the right of suffrage?

On motion was adjourned to meet at usual

Pres. Richardson

(Scribe) Taket

Excelsior Society May 6th 1848
 met pursuant to adjournment
 was called to order by the Presi-
 dent and opened with prayer.

At the calling of the roll the
 following members were found
 absent - viz. Cole, Charles, B. Lowell,
 Hagg, McKee, McGready, Norton, J. A. Roberts,
 Ransom, S. O. Smith, Woodhouse,
 Wallace, Richel.

The absentees of the former evening
 were excused except W. Amstrong
 who was fined the sum of five
 cents. Wm. Amstrong not fined.

After this the treasury's report was
 read and received.

Then the newly elected officers took
 their seats, at which time the

President delivered a noble
 commendation inauguration was
 attended; which it would be well
 Society would read.

Prayer, a song were heard; each one
 accepting of his own creditably.

Question discussed. Should we
 justifications be prohibited in
 law? Decision of the judges was
 in favor of the negative.

Robertson's motion
 was then in order. A motion
 was made to appoint three gen-
 eral to assist the librarian
 in putting the books in order
 respecting the library. This com-
 mittee was J. J. Smith, J. A. Roberts
 and J. R. R. In general discussion
 the question was decided as to
 in the negative by the vote of the

There being no farther business
performances were read which
were as follows:

Declaration: 1st evening

Living Potinell Petrinien
Moor, Charles, Ferrell and
Schroeder.

On 12/2/1900

McCrady Elder Smurr
Wustaur J Smith & F Smith
2 J A Robert and Wallace.

Lecture

Q. Smith

Dele

Off: B. C. Branstetter

Question

Weg Richardson

Should free negroes in the
State of Ohio have the right
of suffrage

J. W. W.

Declaration of John W. Armstrong.
 Spent in the office of the U.S. Marshal.

Secret & Baggy Dupond

Dear Sir,

Composition
 Parsonsa Ginnie McKee
 Wiggins

Wingans

Lecture

Woodhouse

Private

Off Col.

Weg Stewek

Barlow

Pagga

Question

Can the short-term office
disappear?

Ph. Armstrong.

St. Louis, Mo. 1890

Excelsior Hall May 14th 1858
Society met pursuant to ad own-
ment was called to order by the Pres-
ident and carried with pleasure.

At the calling of the roll the follow-
ing members were found absent
namely: J. J. Armstrong, Charles Gifford,
Quing Elder, A. Darte, S. Windy, J. A. Roberts,
J. M. Darte, Richardson, W. Smith,
Gerrit Widman, Woodhouse, Gustavus
Moore, Salmer, Lechil Pickel.

Abseentees in the former evening
were excused except Wallace and
Farrar, who were each paid the
sum of five cents.

Performances were next in order,
each performing the duty devolving
upon him.

The debate being absent, ^{regular} ~~general~~
discussion was dispensed with.

And another question was by a mo-
tion and vote of Society taken; and
dispensed. The question was:

Should seceders be recom-
mended from the church.

The dissolution of Society on the
matters of the ^{question} were in favour of
the affirmative.

After which miscellaneous business
was attended to. Society as res-
pecting the members were in-
structed to return at the next
in order that the committee
appointed the previous evening might

more easily arrange them.
There being no further business
performances were read as
follows.

First Week

Declamation

Bahner W. Armstrong
Secrist, Hogg, Duffield and
St. Carly.

Composition

Ragon J. H. Folsom
Pamorn, Finner, St. Lee and
Winners

Lecture

Woodhouse

Debate

Off. Bob and Norton
Sec. Sewel and Taggart

Question

Was the Mexican war
justifiable?

Two Weeks

Declamation, J. Armstrong
W. C. Smith, St. Waddy, Elder
Suzann, Kusebauer, and
J. H. Smith, Riehl

Composition

Richardson Moore
Charles Schroeder, Ewing and
DeVernan.

Lecture Wallace.

Debate

Off J. A. Roberts Ferrell
Neg ~~Smith~~ and ~~Smith~~.
Quotation: ^{Roberts} " ^{J. Smith}

Society adjourned
Wm Armstrong President
James F. Quincy Secretary

your Obedient

Scelsior Hall - May 21st 1858
Society met pursuant to adjournment
was called to order by the President
and opened with prayer.

At the calling of roll the following
members were found absent: viz.
Quincy, Oliver Elder, William Liberty
M. French, Norton Newell, P. L. Piquet,
J. M. Roberts, J. A. Roberts, Secret. J. Smith
W. I. Smith, Winans, Woodhouse, Rus-
sian, Moore, Palmer, Bechtel and
Shneider. The absentees of the previous
evening were excused except Quincy
and Palmer, who were fined five cts
each. The committee on arranging
the library gave a report which was
received and the committee was conti-
nued.

Performances came off
next for non-performance. M. French
and Woodhouse were each fined five cts.

One of the debaters being absent, J. L. Smith
was put on in his place.

Question discussed. Was the Mexican
war justifiable? Decision of the judges
in favor of the Negs by majority of
one.

Question was then open for
general discussion in which but few
engaged. Decision as to the merits of
the was in favor of the Aff.

Miscellaneous came next in order.
The treasury was instructed to get
some writing paper for the use of
Society. A motion was made
to have debaters chosen for the
coming exhibition. Which passed.

After which their election took place
which resulted thus, in the choice
of J. P. Armstrong and Ransom.
Then the reading of performances
was called upon which were a follows.

1st Week
Proclamation

J. P. Armstrong & J. P. Smith

M. Breedy Elder S. M. R. S. S. S. S. S.

J. P. Smith and J. P. Smith.

Composition

Richardson Moore

Charles Schneider Gering and

Peterman.

Location

Walace

Debate:

J. P. Smith and J. P. Smith

J. P. Smith and J. P. Smith

Question

Resolved that intemperance
is a greater evil than slavery.

2nd Week

Proclamation

James P. M. Roberts

Wm. Norton Newell, Taggart
and Ricketts.

Composition

J. P. Armstrong

Dieterich M. C. S. S. S. S. S.
Ransom Cole and Woodhouse

Location

Zahner

W. H. - H. Madden -
Debate
M. C. Kee. and Rager
Sag. Sager and Diefendorff
Question

Society adjourned as usual
President H. Armstrong
Scrib. Patterson Finney

Classification of Society

1st Class.
Finney
J. M. Roberts
Winnans
Warton
Stewell
Tiggart
Reichel
W. Armstrong
Diefendorff
McCarthy
Secrist
Panson
Cole
Woodhouse
Zahner
McKee
Rager
Kagy
Spencer

2nd Class.
F. J. Armstrong
W. S. Smith
McCreedy
Smurr
Musham
T. S. Smith
Elder
Reichel
Richardson
Moore
Charles
Schroeder
Ewing
Peterson
Wallace
J. A. Roberts
Furall
Folwell
J. Smith

Excelsior Hall May 28th 1838
Society met pursuant to adjourn-
ment was called to order by the
president and opened with prayer.

At the calling of the roll
the following members were found
absent viz. Col. Charles D. Dyer,
Stollwell, Fivell, McCarly, J. M. Roberts,
Sagart, Miriam Tabann, Moore,
Bechtel, and Pickett.

Minutes of the previous evening
re-adopted, except - Ewing, J. A. Roberts,
J. F. Smith, Woodhouse, Baker,
Schroeder, J. M. Roberts. All of
whom were fined five cents each,
penalties previous to that - all were
excused, except J. A. Roberts fined
5 cts.

Committee on the
arrangement of the library re-
ported which was received and
the Committee continued.

Discussion of officers took place, which
resulted as follows. Pres. J. F. Smith
V. P. J. F. Smith. Sec. J. F. Smith,
but Richardson, Treas. Baker,
Committee of vigilance, Col.
J. F. Smith, J. F. Smith,
Surf. ...

... which were suspended at
the end of the Compositions, in
order to tend to some business
respecting ... for the
coming exhibition (visitors being
expected) The motion passed
to have the article suspended which
checked by ballot. Then a motion
passed to have them chosen by

To a committee of five,
After which performances
were again resumed.

Some of the debaters being
absent. Jewell was appointed
in his place. Question
discussed. Resolved that intem-
perance is a greater evil than

Slavery. Discussion of the
subject in the high majority of
votes. Question was then
open for general discussion
after some thought upon
the question Society came
to a conclusion that it was
no question for debate; Then
a vote was taken as to the
merits of the question which
was in the aff.

Mr Spensell was received
as an active member of this
Society.

Performances were
called upon which were read
as follows

1st Week
Declaration

J. B. Roberts.
Wynne Barton, Jewell, Sargent
Finnis and Richard Spensell
Conspiration

McCarthy, Siest
Ransom, Colo. W. Armstrong
and Woodhouse.

* Richardson, Johnson, Armstrong, Ransom, Wallace

Excession Hall June 30 1858

Society met pursuant to adjournment
President absent called to order by the vice
pres. on calling the roll following members
were present about 100. A. Scherbaum
Defender Harry D. Curtis of Boston of Smith
W. O. Smith, James W. W. W. W. W.
Richard, Michael, Alarmed of former we
would accept W. W. W. W. W. W. W.
each fined 25 - Committee, Reporter and
Report read and of Committee discharged
Library Committee Reporter and was
discharged. No other committees to report
the President announced that the term of
Office having expired, delivered salutatory
left the chair, President elect began about
the vice took the chair, for purpose
next in order all acquitting themselves
creditably except C. W. W. W. W. W.
about 100. President J. Scherbaum should
the President allow the right of expression
on the State of Ohio, one of the debaters
bring about. Evening was appointed to file the
resolution, President in favor of aff. by gov.
also by house, N. C. W. W. W. W. W.
Society. Moore was appointed to bring him
in, Miscellaneous business read in
order, Motion of J. W. W. W. W. W.
was passed over to the committee of
which decided to have him immediately
disfranchised by the President. Several
members spoke on the state of Society after
the performance was read as follows

For next Declaration
Moore Charles

Bringing Fuller Jr & Roberts to Funder and
Joe Smith

Correspondence of J of Amstrong
M^o Conady Elder in Amstrong
Reckel and Blwell

Lecturing J of Amstrong

Debate Off Robinson & Amstrong

Key W & Smith to Robinson
Institution should be encouraged
for two weeks

Key J of Amstrong
M^o Key W & Smith, Woodhouse and Will
Amstrong

Comp Norton and Taggart Reckel
Sponseller and Amstrong

Lecturing Cole

Debate Off Palmer & Amstrong

Key Roberts & Amstrong

on Amstrong Society Aug

DCA Newell and In

Thos of Amstrong
Secretary

Excelsior. Call Jan 14th 1854

Meeting next pursuant to adj
Called to order by the Pres and
opened with prayer Roll being
called following gentlemen found
absent viz Geo. T. Edwards, J. H. Wells
Nathan Ingraham, J. B. Roberts, J. Smith
Moore, Ryckel. There being no committee
to Report ~~performance~~ Absentees of
former evening excused except
Nathan Ingraham M^r Carty, Samuel Thomsen
who were each fined .15. No committee to Report
performance came of most all acknowledging
themselves creditably except Thomsen who
was fined .15. Thomsen described "Holla
life is a summer storm, summer is a
day" I received in favor of Nighy
Judges also by Thomsen.
Miscellaneous business read in
order. Resolved to present at Mr. Remond
according to sentence of committee of
vig. Mr. Remond wanting to explain
a motion was made give him the
privilege which was done.
M^r M^r Carty was fined .10cts for being
late absent on the previous evening.
The motion a committee of
three was appointed to look after
certain delinquent gentlemen
whom we carried who appointed
J. Smith of prop. Goodhue & Son.
To act on said committee
There being no other business of a general
nature performance were announced
as follows

Next evening
The Duffington Paper M^{rs}
Kugan M^cCarthy Woodhouse, & Armstrong
and Lechriet

Camp Norton and Faggart
Richard Sprueller. Lectures Cole

Debut Aff of M^r Roberts & Finney

Key Zehner & Herman
Lecture Sprueller & Finney
I M^{rs} the Die Elder & Lechriet
Herald Pickett Nelson Peterson

Camp Moon & Robert Paul
J B Smith Richardson & O Smith
McCurry

Lectures
The of Armstrong

Debut Aff & Emory & Finney

Key Pullner & Charles

Question
by the village his conduct

Notes from Leggett
President, D

2 off Armstrong
McCarthy

Excursion Society
James Allen Smith
1848

Excellence Hall June 18th 1838

Society met pursuant to adjournment
was called to order by the President opened
with prayer. Upon calling the roll the following
members were found absent viz Mr
Charles Diefendorf, Henry M'Carthy, Sewel
Richardson, August Goodson, Wallace
Marshall, Moon, Bechtel, Rickel.

Absentees of former evening named except
of Mr Roberts who was kind for etc.
Report of committee read in order Comm.
on the ordaining right member Reported and
Report received and Committee discharged
Another committee to report on performance
met in order. Until absent Person was appointed
to fill his place. All performers acquitted themselves
creditably except Cook and Norton who were
fined 10 cts each for poor performance.

Question discussed "Should Foreign emigrants
be suspended" decided in favor of yes
by Judges also in Key by House.
Resolution proposed being read in order
It was announced to Society that Mr Peter
was recalled for introduction of this Society to
some of the Philos. which was being denied by
the gentlemen. A Resolution was offered
by Mr Roberts that he be having a vote
Letting be with of Society which was lost
Another was introduced by J L Smith
that unless the gentlemen acknowledge
that he did wrong, he for Society be have solemn
which was carried. Resolution that the
gentlemen take the floor to do the
same carried. Mr Peterman made the
proper acknowledgment, and the matter
was ended. Mr Roberts appealing himself aggrieved
by his fine moved to have it fine rescinded which
was lost.

There being no other business of a miscellaneous character ~~of~~ ^{of} business was announced as follows

Lie Elder I T Smith Schreder
 Finkle Procter Mastaum Merriam
 Camp Moss J S Roberts Kent J W Smith
 Richardson A O Smith W Cready

Section of Stratigraphy

Detail Off "Ewing and Linn" 18

My Wallace and Charles
Ker in their Society adjourned to meet on
Monday should a Representative bound by
the gift of his constituents.
A O Smith President

Excelsior Hall, Jan 25th 1853

Soc. met was called to order, Vice Pres
the President being absent and opened with
prayer. At the calling of the roll the following
members were found absent. viz J. J. Armstrong
Cole, Charles, Diefendorf, ~~Henry~~ Tolwell,
Hagg, McCarly, McCreary North, Secrist, J. Smith
J. C. Smith & J. L. Smith & Moore. Bechtel & Kichel
See being absent a committee was appointed to go for
the secretary books. Tanner was appointed Sec pro tem
While awaiting the return of committee the election
of officers took place which resulted as follows.

Prec J. L. Smiths Vice Pres Wallace See
W. Armstrong, Sec & J. H. Roberts, Treas. Cole
Com of Biz Finny, J. J. Armstrong, & J. Smith.
There were no committee reports. Performances came
off as usual. One of the debaters being absent
Mr Taggart was appointed to fill his place.
Honors divided on regular discussion. And decided
in the city by the house. A motion was made
and carried that the Treas. be instructed to procure
a pitcher. There being no further business, performances
were read as follows. For the next evening

Dec J. Sprinkler Kichel, McCarly, Norton
Finny & J. H. Roberts.

Group McCreary Secrist Diefendorf Ransom
W. Armstrong and Henry Taggart

Lecture - a Jewell
Debate (Off. Cole and Hagg
Meg Woodhouse and Taggart

Does It a lawyer justifiable in defending
a person whom he knows to be guilty?

For two weeks

Dr. Amos. J. A. Roberts J. B. Smith
 Meredyth Kresbaum Richardson Ewing
~~J. Armstrong~~ Conitt.

J. J. Armstrong Peterman Wallace
 Charles Richel Moore J. L. Smith

Lecture A. C. Smith
 Debate App. Folwell and Herral

Mr. Schneider .. Elder
 Question Should capital punishment
 be abolished?

J. O. Smith Pres

Zohner Sec. Pro Tem.

Excelsior Hall August 6th 1858

Society met pursuant to adjournment. ~~Called~~ ^{Called} ~~to order by the~~ ^{by the} ~~and opened with prayer~~ ^{and opened with prayer}
~~the~~ ^{the} ~~calling of the roll the~~ ^{calling of the roll the}
following members were found absent viz Charles Duffer-
clough Ewing Hagg McKee McLarty J. P. Roberts J. D. Roberts
Panson Richardson J. Smith E. L. Smith N. C. Smith
Trinans Woodhouse Wallace Macbaum Moore
Richter Schroeder Nickel ^{and} Spinneller The minutes
of former evening being read and received all
the absenting ^{of last evening} present were excused except Holwell
who was fined \$1.00 There being no Committee to report
the newly elected President and Vice Pres being absent
Mr Holwell was appointed Pres. pro tem. Performance
being next in order all the members present acquitted
themselves honorably The debate was decided in
the negative unanimously by the judges and in the
Affirmative by the house Miscellaneous
business being next in order Mr. Stinson was
assigned on the charge of revealing the transactions of
society but the accusation being unsupported by
proof the gentleman after a furious struggle
was acquitted with character untarnished The
treasurer was instructed to purchase a pitcher
for the use of society. There being no
further miscellaneous business performance was
read as follows after rest evening
One J. H. Robert J. Smith Messrs. Macbaum
Ewing Panson Richardson J. P. Smith
Comps. Peterman Charles Nickel Moore J. D.
Smith Wallace. Lecture N. C. Smith
Debate of Holwell and Fernal
vs Schroeder and Elder
Quint, Should Capital punishment be abolished

For two weeks
 Declamation Cole Ray Payor Dufond
 Secret as the Newell to Amatory
 Composition
 Woodhouse Thagart Spinneller Kiebel
 McLarty Norton and Whinnery Lecture Parsons
 Debate Off J. M. Roberts My Graham
 Quist.

Have prosperity and wealth a favorable
 influence on the members in regard to
 Dr. Wallace in Pres. Dr. Amatory, &c

Excelsior Hall Aug 13th 1858

Society met pursuant to adjournment was
called to order by the Vice President and opened
with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following
members were found absent viz Charles Diefendorf,
Finney, McCarly, Newell, J. M. Roberts, J. I. Roberts & J. Smith
& J. L. Smith Minors Woodhouse Madelrum Ransom
Jahner Reitel Riekel Schroeder and Sponseller.
Absences of former evening were all excused with
the exception of J. M. Roberts who was fined 50c to
there being no committee to report performances
came off with their usual interest. The decision of
the judges of the debate was in favor of the Negative by
a majority of one and also by the house. Miscellaneous
business being next in order Mr. Finney delivered a
very commendable valedictory. A motion was made
• Thanking Mr. Finney for his past services to the society
and wishing him success in his future undertakings.
Carried. A motion was introduced to reunite the two
classes of performers. Lost. On motion Messrs. Luybenberger
and Shaper were received as active members of
this society. There being no further miscellaneous
business performances were read as follows —
by For next evening Messrs. Cole Hagg Ransom Diefendorf
Deerist M. McCarly Newell and L. Armstrong
Compositors Messrs. Woodhouse Tappan Sponseller Riekel
McCarly and Norton Lecturer Ransom
Debate } Aff. Roberts J. M.
 } Neg. Jahner Deerist. Have prosperity and wealth
 } a favorable influence on the manners and
Morals of Society. For two weeks Dec. Howell Daniel J. I. Smith
Pittman Charles Riekel N. O. Smith and Shaper
Comp. Schroeder Elder J. M. Roberts J. Smith McCarly M. Ransom Richardson
Thos. J. Armstrong and Luybenberger, Lecturer Smur
Debate M. Wallace Neg. Ewing. Where, would the farther extension
of the union be better
J. B. Wallace William Armstrong Sec

For next evening
 Declamation, *Frederick Journal*, J. L. Smith
 & Peterman Charles Rickel. No. Smith & Shaper
 Composition Schroeder. Elder J. A. Roberts & Smith
 Mr. Brady Richardson J. A. Armstrong and Seyenberg
 Lecture Mun

Debate } J. A. Wallace
 Mrs. Ewing
 Question, Do the signs of the times indicate
 the downfall of the republic

For two weeks, Dec. J. A. Ransom Spunkle
 Rickel Mr. Bartley North Composition Hagg
 Secrist Woodhouse Ransom & Dufendorf
 Lecture Gaggart

Debate J. A. Armstrong & Mrs. Lee
 vs. ~~Wallace~~ and Cole
 Question, Ought the Missouri Compromise
 to have been abrogated,

Excelsior Hall August 27th 1858

Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the President and opened with prayer. At the calling of the roll the following members were found absent viz. Defendorf Folwell McKee J. M. Roberts Richardson Taggart and Muburn. The absences of former evening were all excused. The election of officers resulted as follows viz President, W. Armstrong, 1st Pres Folwell Sec. George Kent M. Smith Treas. Newell Committee of vigilance Seydenger J. L. Smith and Amos. Performances went off with their usual interest. The debate was decided in the negative by the judges and the general discussion was postponed indefinitely on motion. The Committee to investigate the affair between Williamson and Mr. J. P. Armstrong reported and was discharged. On motion the ~~expulsion~~ censure of Mr. Ransom for using disrespectful language towards the society was received and that gentleman discharged. No other miscellaneous business. Performances were read as follows for next evening

Declamation	Composition	Lecture
Janner	Kaggy	Taggart
Ransom	Leviest	
Sponseller	Razor	
Kickel	Defendorf	
McCarthy & Norton		

Debate } Off William Armstrong & M. S. Mc
 Neg Newell and Cole

Question ought the Tipowri compromise to have been abrogated
 For two weeks

Dec	Comp	Lecture, Peterman
Schweder	Folwell	
Elder	Ferral	
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W. L. Smith See W. Armstrong

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Letter to Robson

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to arrange performers for the exhibition and to visit
the prisoners and men on the opposite side
the wall. Sir J. & Council to Mr. Manning
Robert & Limer. On motion of J. Manning
was appointed to a committee of 5 persons
to visit the men. See program a printed
document

4. It is better to close business of a minute
than to dwell on it. By means of such work as
possible.

See conclusion

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De lae, 1888. J. W. Smith, Bookseller

King John's

How I would I could have the superb engraving in
~~your~~ ^{my} possession.

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Don't miss it

Sept 4th 1821

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the proposed meeting of the friends of the cause of the oppressed in this city. I am very glad to hear that you are so interested in the subject, and I am sure that your efforts will be successful. I have no objection to your holding a meeting at the time and place you propose, and I am sure that it will be well attended. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
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An motion Society, organized to assist in the

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35 Bechtel.
36 Schroeder
37 Richard,
38 Spruelli.
39 Leynberger
40 Mafer

Address to Executive Society delivered
in Exeter N.H. Sept 18th 1831 by Prof. Geo. Simpson

Friend Garrison,

I arise not to borrow your feelings or excite
your sympathies in the cause, I leave that to you to
present the good deeds I have wrought for this society. I am
fully sensible that all that is worthy and noble is embodied
in your harmony. In my connection with you I have many
things on which to rejoice - much on which to lament.
But the grief lies with you for the sin I beg your forgiveness
and earnestly desire that you will bury it in the tide of eter-
nity. Your hour ago I was in this hall and in a few hours
I shall bid its members an affectionate adieu expecting
never again to be a participant in its delightful services.
Time rolled on and in its hurried march I was brought to
the hour of Farewell once more to enjoy the parting
cup of this blessed Society. Bitter because she was dear to
my heart. Alas! she was stamped on her brow by all the
distressing and shameful scenes that then adorned in
only one familiar countenance remained. What a change!
But my endowments are no less intense. Because all that
I was I owe to this Society. Associations the most agreeable
and pleasing have sprung up around me and the impress
of the members of this Society is indelibly stamped upon my
heart. I can more fully appreciate its benefits now than
I had a day to me. And in separating from it I feel
that I am leaving one of the strongest chains that bind man
to man. Hence it is with feelings of the deepest solemnity
that I arise to say you on this occasion. As my mind
glances backward over our past sessions and reviews
our labors and successes a thousand hallowed thoughts
seem to bring me to your company and I am filled
with emotions both pleasing and profitable. -
Associated and connected with you the exercises
and friendship of years have woven their silken
tresses around my heart till I find myself

at this moment scarcely able to break the golden
 ties asunder. Here we have not workshop, task and
 engage in the laudable vigorous & mutual improvement.
 Here we have power with our little stream of eloquence
 if not with the power and action of a Demosthenes at
 least with an earnest desire to emulate him.

Here many of us have begun a career that may yet astonish
 ourselves and elude the nations. Just these humble beginnings
 in this narrow hall may one day lead to effects as great
 as the revolution of empires. Who can estimate the future?
 Who can weigh the influence of this our first lesson in
 composition and oratory? A single blow might have
 slain an Alexander and a world would have been
 spared from his ravages; a single spark of fire may
 ignite a magazine and a city perish in conflagration.

We know that within the bosom of some one
 present there slumbers energies and powers that require
 only the fostering air of the society to awaken to a glorious
 future. Like the bird being set a noble mark in the
 heavens, as the shaft to the strongest con-
 ting with supernatural strength till it pierces its mark
 together and then let your arrow pierce the clouds and
 its effect will be seen and felt by your fellow beings.

Remember that every perseverance and application in
 every undertaking will build your reputation and fortune.
 Lay aside all your jolly and laziness, call up all your
 energies, rush into action, fight or fight over and
 you will be surprised at the ease with which you will
 overcome all difficulties and opposition. Remember
 that money cannot buy wisdom that you cannot in-
 herit knowledge; that the road which leads to them must
 be traveled by your own individual exertions and that if
 you faint not by the way great will be the reward that
 will crown you. Allow no divisions, you are now flourishing
 and prosperous. Have a harmonious right in your midst
 strive to maintain this most valuable blessing. Let faction and
 discord find no resting place in this hall consecrated to
 literature and mental development. Nothing is more

pernicious nothing will sooner bring disgrace and ruin
upon you and it may forever impair the glorious cause in
which you are engaged then let me entreat you by your
love of knowledge and your desire of excellence to build your
Society on a sure foundation to labour for its future pros-
perity and make it truly what its name imports; let com-
munity see that it is a place whence issue men of noble
minds and of the most bright influence And now as my
part let me assure you that in all your adversities
and prosperities you have a firm and sympathizing
friend whose prayers and wishes shall ascend to the throne of
infinite God for blessings in all your commendable
undertakings

Yr. Obedt. Servant

Garnett,
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Roll of the members of the Excelsior Society for
the session commencing Oct 22nd 1857

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| 1 | J. G. Armstrong | |
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| 14 | M. Farland | 11 11 11 11 11 11 |
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| 29 | McCluskey | 11 11 11 11 11 11 |

Roll of Members of E. L. S. for the summer Session 1857

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37 M. Carty, 1116 1 1 1

38 J. W. Wilson

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Roll of Bowdoin Society for the Term of 1884/5

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2	Augustine								
3	B. T. S. *								
4	Dupont								
5	Edgar								
6	Francis								
7	Calahan *								
8	Wheeler								
9	Tyner								
10	Lash								
11	Johnson *								
12	Jackson								
13	Jenkins *								
14	Rea *								
15	Simpson								
16	Taher								
17	Robert								
18	Wicks								
19	Ewing *								
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21	Stewart *								
22	Cowan *								
23	W. Cowan *								
24	Beer *								
25	Feller								
26	Bozant *								
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28	Pills								
29	Jones *								
30	Miller								
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